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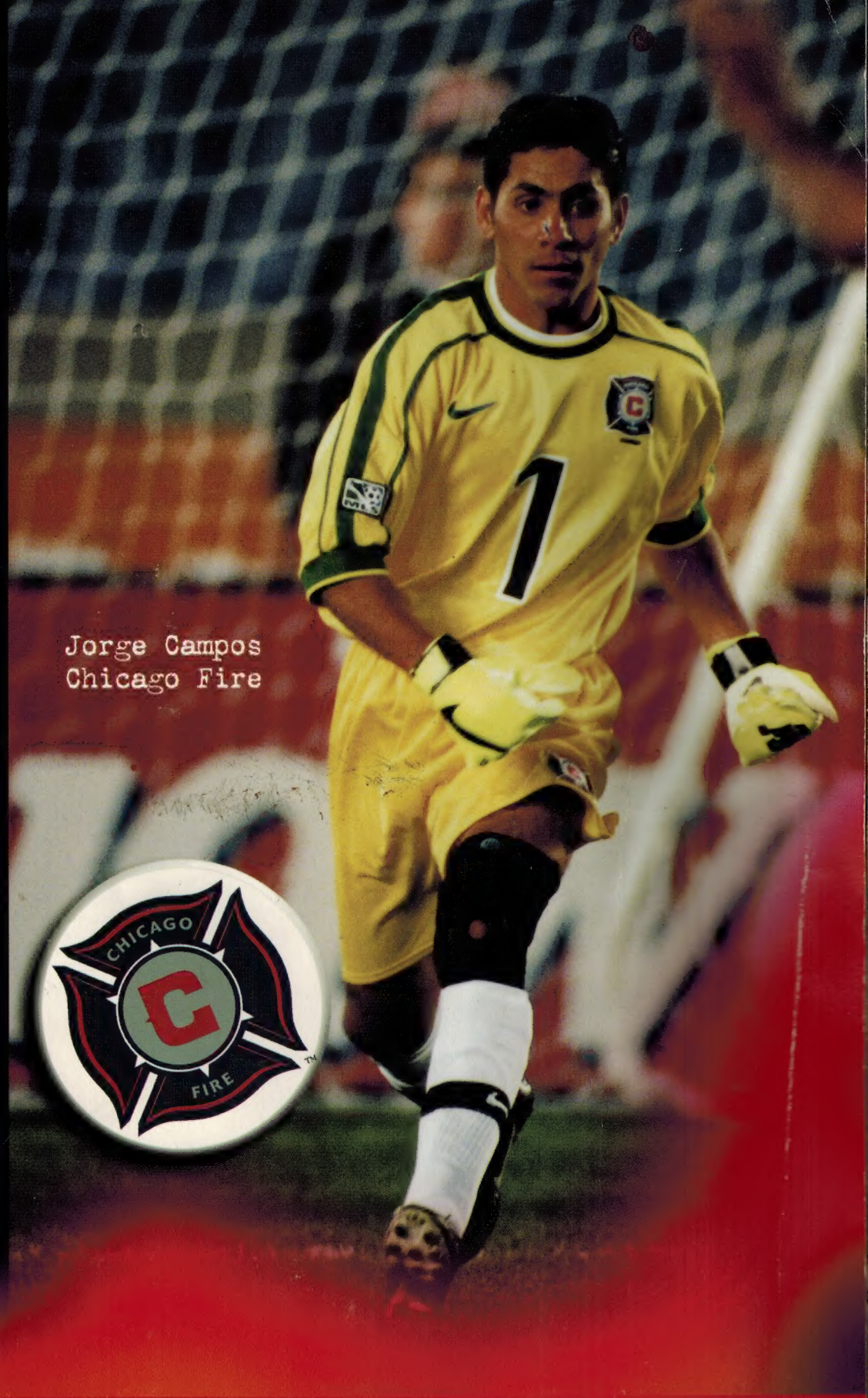

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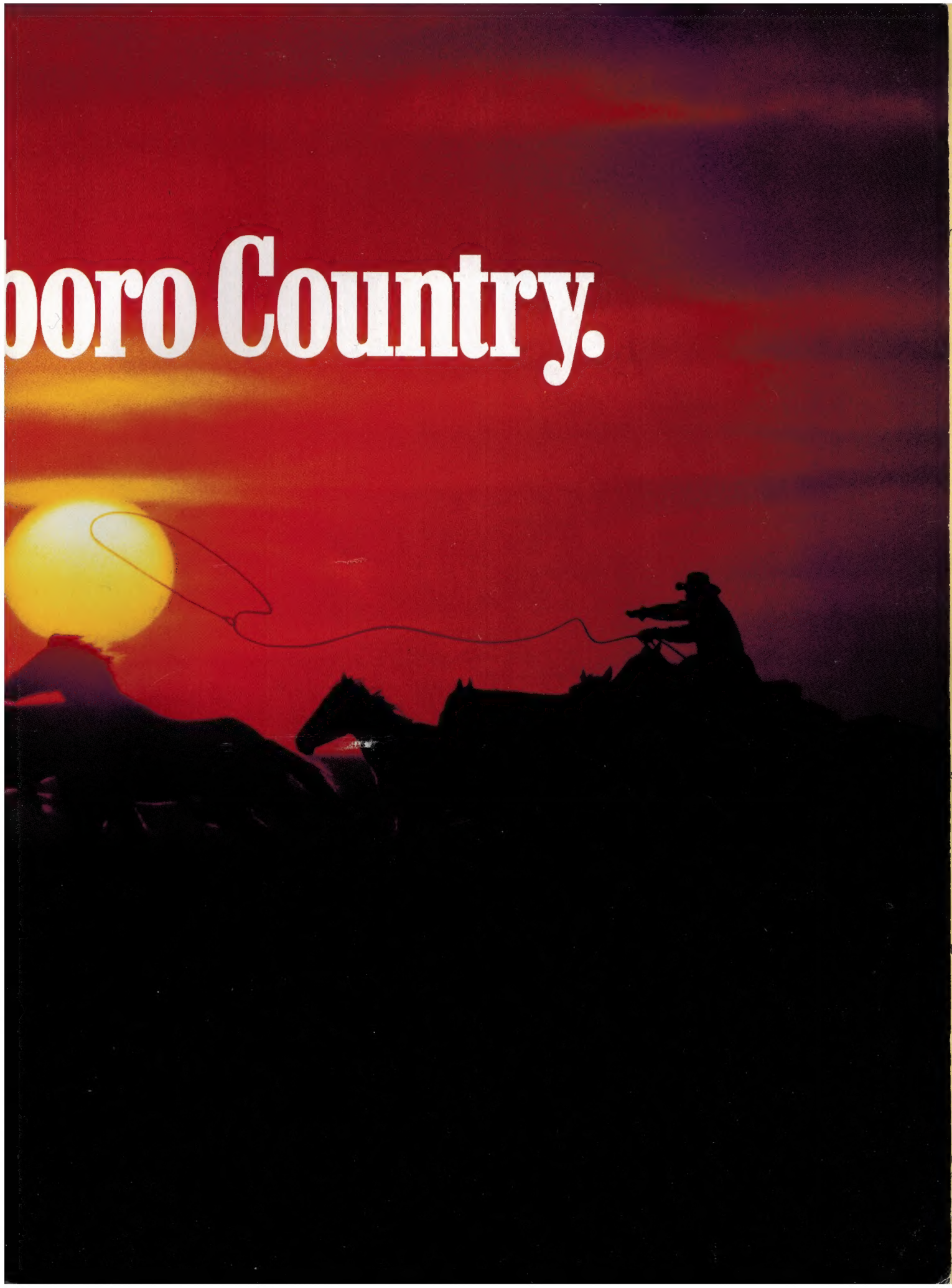
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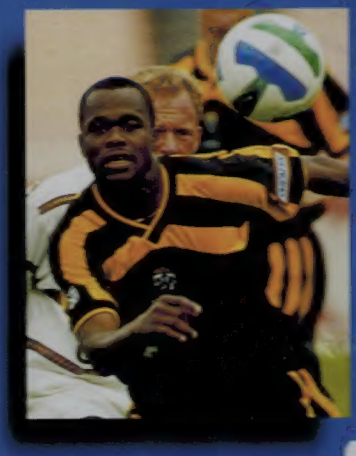

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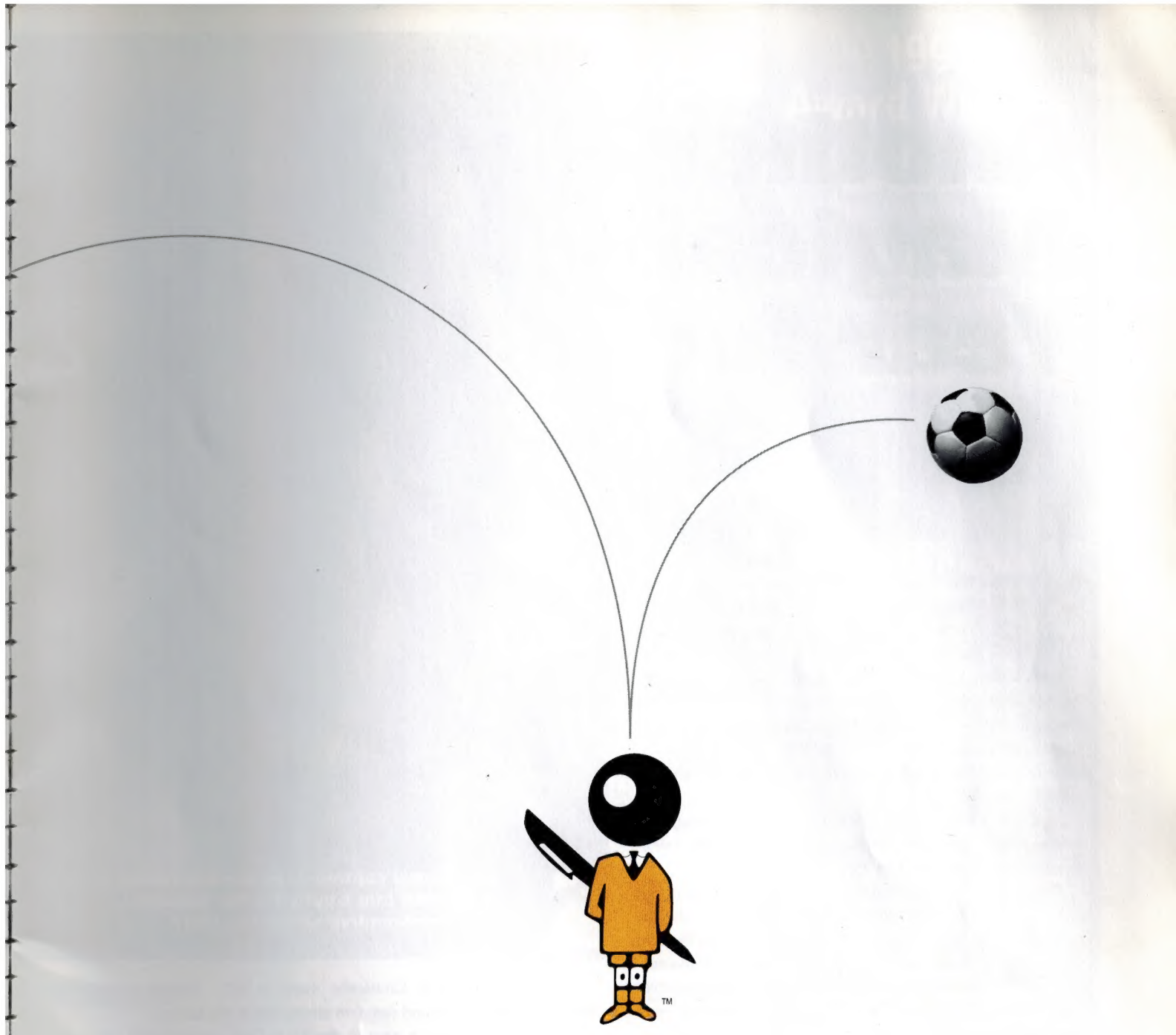

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Another Magical Year for MLS

The question was simple enough: Could Major League Soccer recapture the magic of its inaugural season and make it work for a second year in '97?

Fans in San Jose delivered an emphatic answer on opening day when Spartan Stadium was sold out for the Clash's shootout victory over the MetroStars. It was a similar story in Los Angeles a week later when 53,000 came to the Rose Bowl to see D.C. United squeak by the Galaxy in a rematch of MLS Cup '96.

And so the ball kept on rolling. From coast to coast, fans continued to embrace professional soccer as MLS established itself in the American sports scene.

Teams had their ups and downs during the season, but there was a constant improvement in the level of play throughout the league. New foreign stars such as Richard Gough, Alain Sutter and Walter Zenga were part of the reason. The continuing development of young Americans like Eddie Pope, Frankie Hejduk and Brian McBride also improved the quality of play.

Many of these players had a chance to show their stuff at the All-Star game at Giants Stadium in July. Despite a torrential downpour, the stars put on quite a show. The East, led by MasterCard MVP Carlos Valderrama, scored five goals in the second half to overcome the four goal output of the West. McBride netted the game winner in the 88th minute.

Valderrama also showed his magic with Tampa Bay, driving the Mutiny to second place in the East at the end of the regular season. Unfortunately, the playoffs were not as kind as the club bowed out to Columbus in the first round.

Kansas City had its own star, Preki, running the show. The Honda Most Valuable Player and Budweiser Scoring Champion led the Wizards to the regular season title in the West. Though Kansas City was the front runner for nearly the entire season, the Wizards met the same fate in the playoffs as Tampa Bay, falling in the first round to the fourth place Colorado Rapids.

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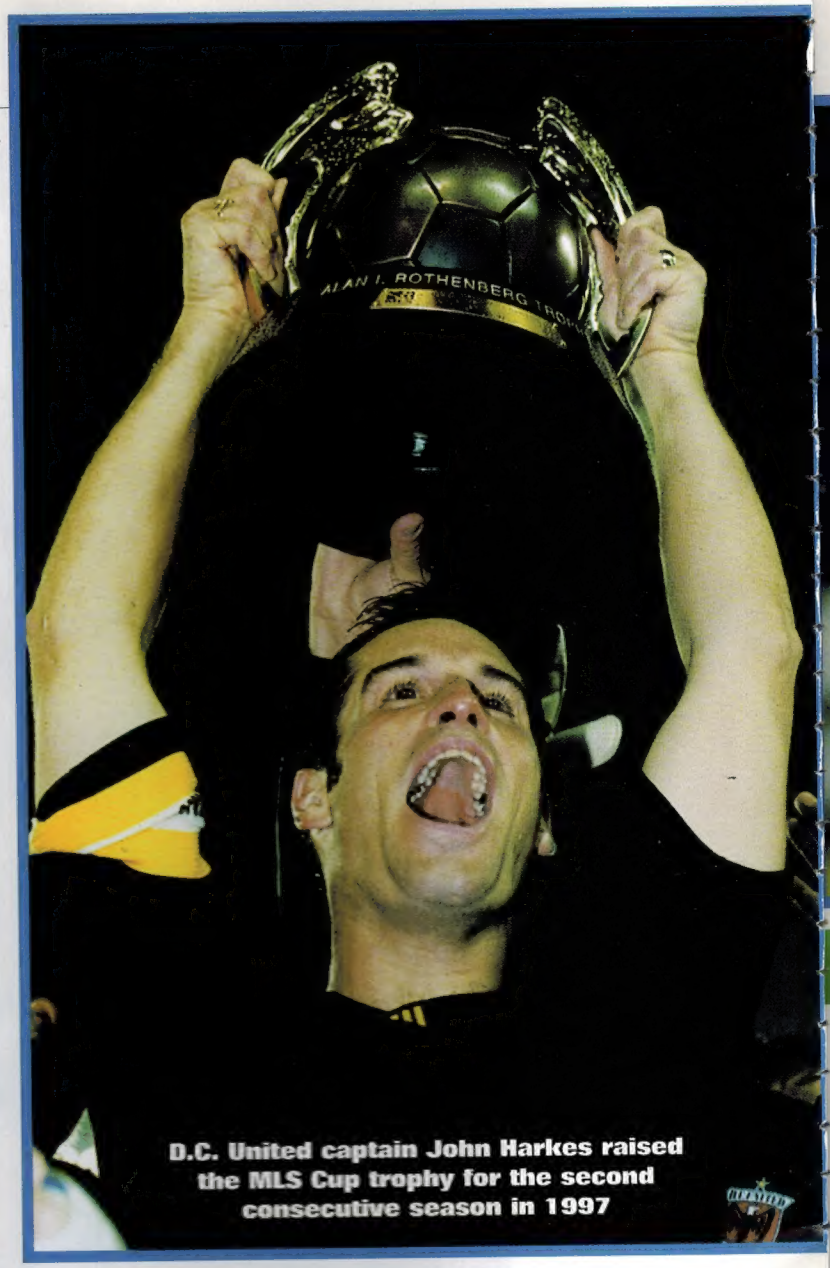

D.C. United captain John Harkes raised the MLS Cup trophy for the second consecutive season in 1997

Colorado was MLS' Cinderella story in '97. Coach "Mooch" Myernick's squad came on strong late in the season and deservedly earned a spot in the MLS Cup, upending Dallas in the Western Conference Championship. Chris Henderson capped off his fabulous year with a spectacular volley which proved to be the clincher against the Burn.

In the end, as was the case in '96, no team stood taller than MLS Cup champion D.C. United. D.C. placed six players in the All-Star Game and led the East nearly the entire season. The wizardry of Marco Etcheverry, the power of Eddie Pope and the decision making of coach Bruce Arena were keys to United's stellar season.

More than 55,000 fans braved an October storm to see D.C. retain its title, beating Colorado 2-1 at RFK stadium. Jaime Moreno, who earned MVP honors with a dazzling display, and Tony Sanneh put D.C. ahead before Adrian Paz replied with a spectacular effort for Colorado.

But there was to be no repeat of the "Double" for D.C. Three days later the champions lost in penalty kicks to the Dallas Burn in the U.S. Open Cup final.

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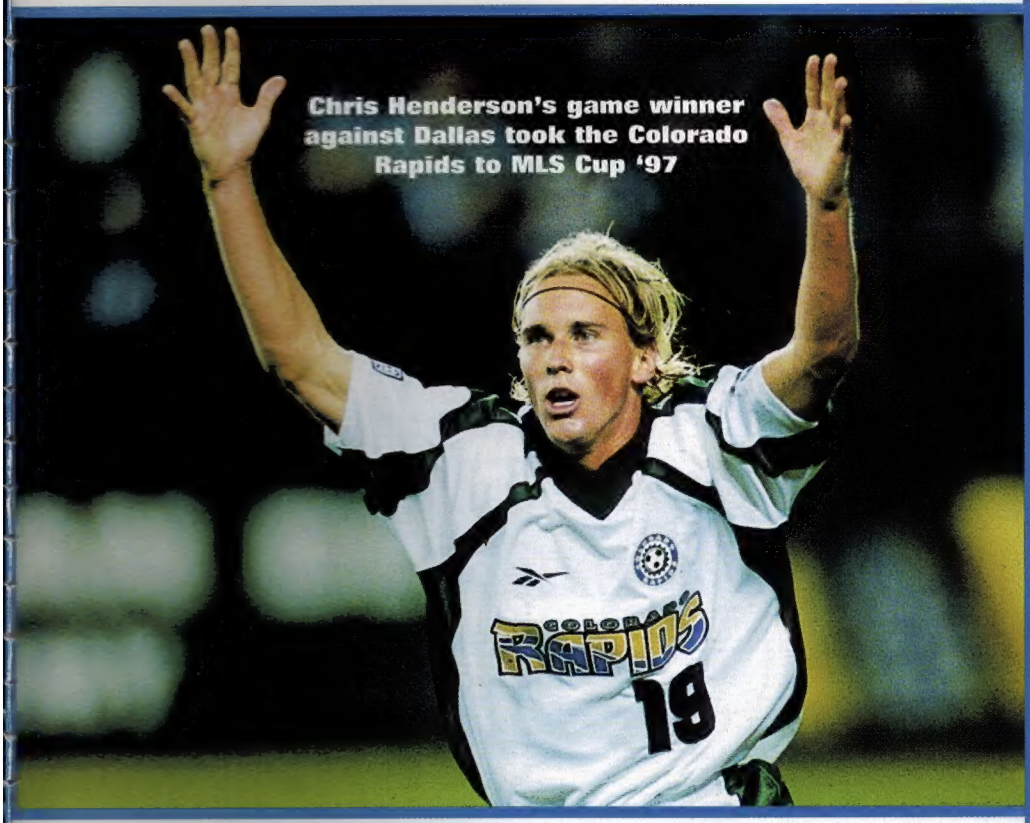

Chris Henderson's game winner against Dallas took the Colorado Rapids to MLS Cup '97

1997 RESULTS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	PTS
D.C. United	21	11	55
Tampa Bay	17	15	45
Columbus	15	17	39
New England	15	17	37
MetroStars	13	19	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	PTS
Kansas City	21	11	49
Los Angeles	16	16	44
Dallas	16	16	42
Colorado	14	18	38
San Jose	12	20	30

CHAMPIONS – D.C. UNITED

1997 Award Winners

Honda
Most Valuable Player
Preki – Kansas City Wizards

Budweiser
Scoring Champion
Preki – Kansas City Wizards

MasterCard
Goal of the Year
Marco Etcheverry – D.C. United

All Sport
Coach of the Year
Bruce Arena – D.C. United

Pepsi
Goalkeeper of the Year
Brad Friedel – Columbus Crew

BIC
Defender of the Year
Eddie Pope – D.C. United

Bandai
Rookie of the Year
Mike Duhaney – Tampa Bay Mutiny

Snickers
Fair Play
Mark Chung – Kansas City Wizards (Individual)
Columbus Crew (Team)

MLS Cup
Most Valuable Player
Jaime Moreno – D.C. United

Umbro
Golden Whistle
Esse Baharmast

AT&T Best Eleven
Brad Friedel – Columbus Crew
Jeff Agoos – D.C. United
Thomas Dooley – Columbus Crew
Richard Gough – Kansas City Wizards
Eddie Pope – D.C. United
Mark Chung – Kansas City Wizards
Marco Etcheverry – D.C. United
Preki – Kansas City Wizards
Carlos Valderrama – Tampa Bay Mutiny
Ronald Cerritos – San Jose Clash
Jaime Moreno – D.C. United

1998 MLS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, March 15				
DC United	at	Miami	4:00 pm	ABC
SATURDAY, March 21				
Columbus	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
Chicago	at	Miami	7:30 pm	
Kansas City	at	DC United	8:00 pm	ESPN2
Colorado	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
San Jose	at	Los Angeles	10:00 pm	
THURSDAY, March 26				
Miami	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	ESPN2
SATURDAY, March 28				
MetroStars	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	
Colorado	at	San Jose	10:30 pm	
SUNDAY, March 29				
Columbus	at	Dallas	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
New England	at	DC United	5:00 pm	ESPN
SATURDAY, April 4				
New England	at	Miami	7:30 pm	
DC United	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	
Tampa Bay	at	Chicago	8:00 pm	
MetroStars	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	ESPN2
Los Angeles	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	
SUNDAY, April 5				
Dallas	at	San Jose	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
WEDNESDAY, April 8				
Chicago	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	
SATURDAY, April 11				
Los Angeles	at	MetroStars	3:00 pm	ABC
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Colorado	at	DC United	7:30 pm	ESPN
Kansas City	at	Miami	7:30 pm	
New England	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	
Chicago	at	San Jose	5:00 pm	
FRIDAY, April 17				
MetroStars	at	Chicago	8:30 pm	ESPN
SATURDAY, April 18				
DC United	at	New England	3:00 pm	ABC
Miami	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	
Los Angeles	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	
San Jose	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
SUNDAY, April 19				
Tampa Bay	at	Colorado	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
SATURDAY, April 25				
San Jose	at	MetroStars	2:00 pm	ABC
Miami	at	New England	7:30 pm	
Kansas City	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
Chicago	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	
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Colorado	at	Miami	7:30 pm	
DC United	at	Chicago	8:00 pm	
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Dallas	at	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
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SATURDAY, May 9				
Columbus	at	Miami	4:00 pm	ESPN2
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SUNDAY, May 10				
Tampa Bay	at	New England	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
WEDNESDAY, May 13				
New England	at	DC United	7:30 pm	
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SATURDAY, May 16				
DC United	at	MetroStars	1:00 pm	ESPN2
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Los Angeles	at	Columbus	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
WEDNESDAY, May 20				
Kansas City	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
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FRIDAY, May 22				
Columbus	at	New England	7:30 pm	
SATURDAY, May 23				
Miami	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm	
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San Jose	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	
Dallas	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	
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Columbus	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	
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MLS playoffs are scheduled to begin the first week in October.

MLS Cup '98 will take place at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on October 31.

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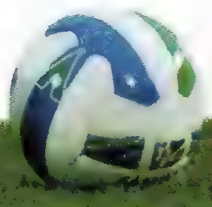

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MetroStars defender Alexi Lalas went head-to-head with Romario as Brazil beat the U.S. 1-0 in the 1994 World Cup

It is a tournament of such magnitude that the global audience for its Final virtually relegates other major sporting events to the stature of an "I Love Lucy" rerun. When the 16th edition of soccer's World Cup is contested in France starting on June 10 the whole world will, quite literally, be watching.

And many of the players commanding global attention play their club ball in Major League Soccer. Remarkably for a third-year circuit, following France '98 one out of every three MLS starters will have partaken in a World Cup (see chart). Not only is that proof positive of a quantum leap in the standard of play, it's also a statistic that only a handful of the planet's top leagues can match.

Observes MetroStars central defender Alexi Lalas, "We have an inferiority complex in the United States. In reality, MLS has world-class players and world-class teams that could compete against the best in the world."

They will get their chance in France. The USA – which could feature as many as 17 MLS athletes on its 22-man roster – drew a highly-challenging first round group that features European powers Germany and Yugoslavia plus the motivated and resourceful Iranians.

Many of MLS' foreign stars get to strut their stuff on the world stage, too. Miami's Carlos Valderrama anchors the Colombian midfield. Columbus' Andrew Williams and Colorado's Wolde Harris try to keep alive the Cinderella tale being written by tiny Jamaica. MetroStars' midfield ace Marcelo Vega attempts to dictate the tempo of Chile's games. Nigeria, with Kansas City's Uche Okafor, is considered Africa's best team by many experts.

The most recent Cups have included many memorable moments for MLS' top imported stars. Alain Sutter (Dallas Burn) was a revelation in 1994 with his piercing runs down the left flank keying the Swiss attack. Sutter fueled a 4-1 triumph over a Romanian team, led by Gheorghe Hagi, that later reached the quarterfinals.

It was at that stage that the Romanians ran into the Thomas Ravelli-led Swedes. The colorful Tampa Bay keeper was at his best throughout the tournament, but never more so than when saving spot kicks in the tie-breaker. Ravelli's subsequent shutout of Bulgaria in the third place game (after yielding only a late goal by Romario of Brazil during the semi-final) further cemented his world class reputation.

Not every MLS player has fond memories of his Cup experiences. Bolivia's Marco Etcheverry was dismissed from the opening game of USA '94 against Germany only three minutes after he had been summoned from the substitutes' bench. Future D.C. teammate Jaime Moreno fared slightly better,

France

although he was unable to score during his two appearances.

Kansas City's Mo Johnston and San Jose's Richard Gough were in the Scotland squad that was upset in 1990 by Costa Rica, 2-1. Despite Johnston's clinching bulls-eye from the penalty spot in a 2-1 win over Sweden (with Ravelli in goal), the Scots departed early after a 1-0 loss to Brazil.

Leonel Alvarez and Valderrama have been on the World Cup's emotional roller coaster. A magnificent Valderrama pass put Freddie Rincon behind the West German defense to lift Colombia to a 1-1 draw to earn advancement in 1990. But in the round of 16, eccentric goalie Rene Higuita lost the ball far outside of his box to Roger Milla in overtime. The resulting goal gifted Cameroon a 2-1 win.

Colombia entered USA '94 with ample momentum. A shocking 5-0 dismantling of Argentina orchestrated by Valderrama's brilliance during the qualification phase had no less an expert than Pele picking them to lift the Cup. Instead, a loss to Romania's 3-1 and a subsequent date with the USA at the Rose Bowl went all wrong, with the inspired Americans fully deserving their 2-1 triumph. Says Lalas of that afternoon, "We captured the spirit of Lake Placid in which an American team has really beaten the odds."

Like the moon dictating the tides, the vast influence of the World Cup has greatly impacted upon U.S. domestic soccer. The favorable reaction to the televising of the 1966 Final spawned the United Soccer Association and the National Professional Soccer League. Those leagues merged in 1969 after one season to become the North American Soccer League, which grew to 24 teams and fueled a participatory boom that followed Pele's arrival in 1975.

When the NASL fell on hard times it was hoped that a U.S. effort to host the 1986 World Cup would provide a lifeline. Instead, FIFA opted for Mexico, essentially sounding the NASL's death knell.

With the persistence of U.S. soccer officials and backed by soccer's great drawing power during the 1984 Summer Olympics, the USA was named as 1994's host nation on July 4, 1988. That decision came with a proviso: that the Americans would exploit the Cup to fuel the launching of a bona fide division one professional league.

Packed stadia, TV ratings that exceeded all expectations and a very credible showing by the home 11 in '94 allowed U.S. officials to meet FIFA's mandate. MLS kicked off two years later.

A strong World Cup showing can also make an individual's career. After excelling for the USA in 1994, Lalas reports that his "life changed in every possible way. I went from

Cobi Jones, who's been on a roll for the L.A. Galaxy, hopes his great play continues in France '98

Carlos Valderrama of the Miami Fusion has been the central figure in the midfield for Colombia in all three World Cups in the 1990's

Chicago Fire goalkeeper Jorge Campos stood tall for Mexico in '94, leading the "Tricolores" to the second round of the World Cup

being a kid just playing soccer and not making a whole lot of money to someone who was recognized all over the world."

Lalas, named to the 1994 Cup's all-tournament second team, would become the first Yank to play in Italy's Serie A.

While an inexperienced U.S. squad was overwhelmed at Italia '90, the team's nucleus won tickets to Europe. John Harkes carved out a solid career in England before opting to return home to help launch MLS. States the D.C. United star, "If we didn't qualify for 1990 I don't know where I would be right now."

But they did qualify, thanks to a dramatic 30-yard volley from future L.A. Galaxy defender Paul Caligiuri. That goal secured a 1-0 win in Trinidad that claimed the USA's first Cup berth since 1950.

As for Caligiuri, he went on to play in Germany, as did current San Jose striker Eric Wynalda. Wynalda personifies the great evolution of the Americans, both individually and collectively. Eric was a naive 20-year old who was suckered into a silly red card against the Czechs at Italia '90. In 1994, Wynalda struck what was arguably the finest free kick of the Cup, a 28-yard shot against Switzerland.

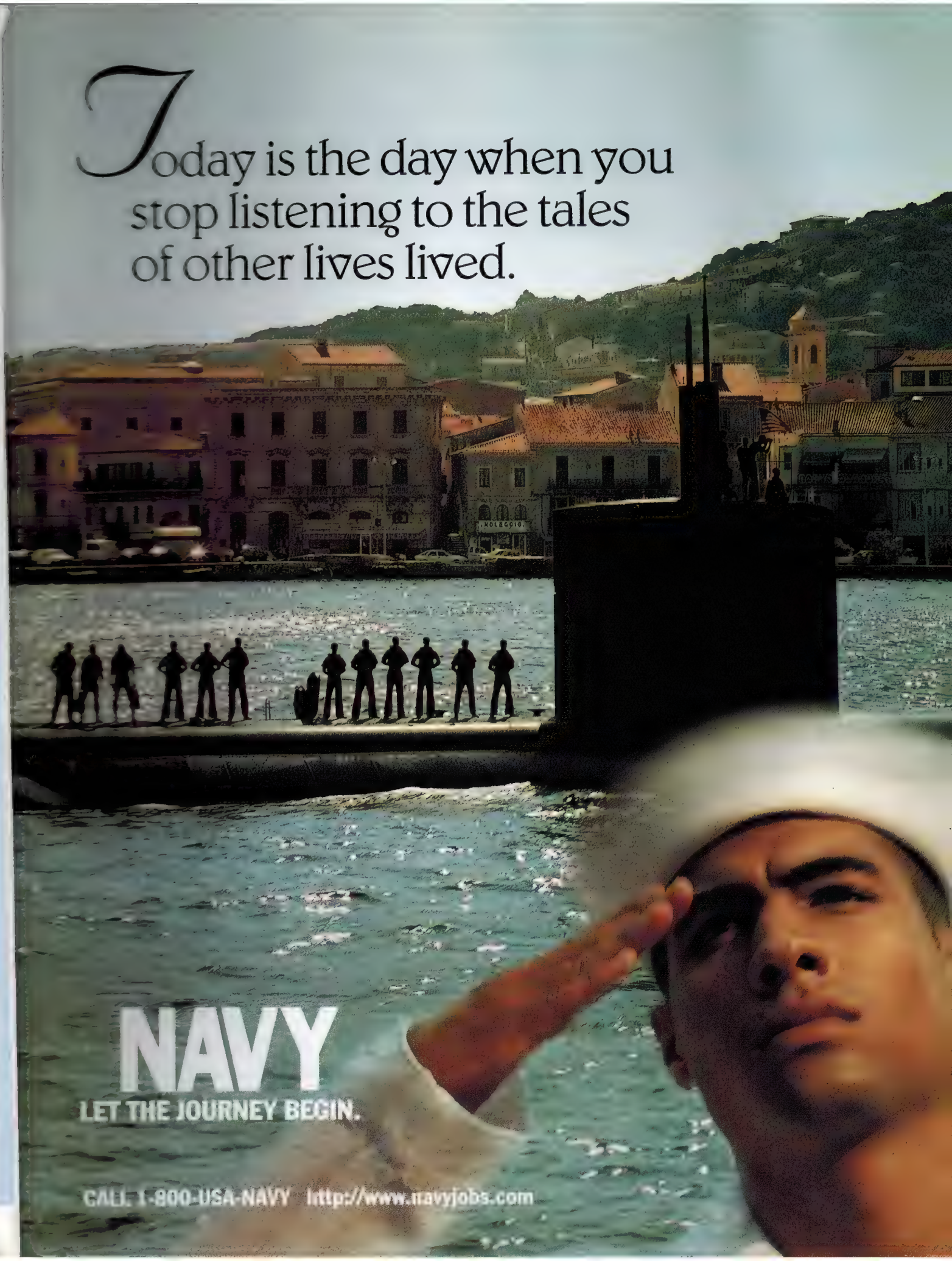
Acknowledges the Clash star, "Back in 1990 we played not to get embarrassed. Now we know we can beat anybody in the world."

Having shocked Brazil during the 1998 CONCACAF Gold Cup, coach Steve Sampson's men aren't being taken for granted this summer. That's fine with Lalas who sees France '98 as a potential "showcase for us to prove that 1994 wasn't a fluke. But people can put too much emphasis on the results of the World Cup. Obviously, a good performance by the U.S. team will help to generate attention towards soccer which will help MLS. But the World Cup is going to come and go. MLS is the future of American soccer."

MLS Players With World Cup Experience

Player	MLS Team	National Team	Year
Jeff Agoos	D.C. United	USA	1998*
Leonel Alvarez	Dallas	Colombia	1990, 1994
Marcelo Balboa	Colorado	USA	1990, 1994, 1998*
Brian Bliss	Kansas City	USA	1990
Mike Burns	New England	USA	1994, 1998*
Paul Caligiuri	Los Angeles	USA	1990, 1994
Jorge Campos	Chicago	Mexico	1994, 1998*
Thomas Dooley	Columbus	USA	1994, 1998*
John Doyle	San Jose	USA	1990
Jan Eriksson	Tampa Bay	Sweden	1990, 1994
Marco Etcheverry	D.C. United	Bolivia	1994
Richard Gough	San Jose	Scotland	1986, 1990
John Harkes	D.C. United	USA	1990, 1994
Wolde Harris	Colorado	Jamaica	1998*
Frankie Hejduk	Tampa Bay	USA	1998*
Chris Henderson	Colorado	USA	1990
Mo Johnston	Kansas City	Scotland	1990
Cobi Jones	Los Angeles	USA	1994, 1998*
Frank Klopas	Chicago	USA	1994
Cle Kooiman	Miami	USA	1994
Lubos Kubik	Chicago	Czechoslovakia	1990
Alexi Lalas	MetroStars	USA	1994, 1998*
Mike Lapper	Columbus	USA	1994
Brian Maisonneuve	Columbus	USA	1998*
Brian McBride	Columbus	USA	1998*
Tony Meola	MetroStars	USA	1990, 1994
Joe-Max Moore	New England	USA	1994, 1998*
Jaime Moreno	D.C. United	Bolivia	1994
Uche Okafor	Kansas City	Nigeria	1994, 1998*
Eddie Pope	D.C. United	USA	1998*
Preki	Kansas City	USA	1998*
Tab Ramos	MetroStars	USA	1990, 1994, 1998*
Thomas Ravelli	Tampa Bay	Sweden	1990, 1994
Refik Sabanadzovic	Kansas City	Yugoslavia	1990
Juergen Sommer	Columbus	USA	1994, 1998*
Mike Sorber	MetroStars	USA	1994
Alain Sutter	Dallas	Switzerland	1994
Steve Trittschuh	Colorado	USA	1990
Carlos Valderrama	Miami	Colombia	1990, 1994, 1998*
Marcelo Vega	MetroStars	Chile	1998*
Peter Vermes	Colorado	USA	1990
Roy Wegerle	D.C. United	USA	1994, 1998*
Andrew Williams	Columbus	Jamaica	1998*
Eric Wynalda	San Jose	USA	1990, 1994, 1998*

* Expected to be named to '98 squad. Official 1998 World Cup rosters had not been announced at press time.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COLUMBUS CREW

Greg Bartram/MLS/Allsport

Brian McBride is looking to strike up a high-scoring partnership with new recruits Andrew Williams and Stern John this season

When is a marketing slogan more than just a tool to sell tickets? Answer: When the theme becomes reality.

So it is in central Ohio where "America's Hardest Working Team" has taken that mantra to its heart. Says defender/midfielder Todd Yeagley, "A big part of our success is our work ethic. We thrive on taking it to other teams physically."

Columbus' run-'til-we-drop attitude is an especially useful weapon in the narrow confines of Ohio Stadium. Offers Yeagley, "At home we use high pressure. We invite opponents to feel comfortable in the back to play a ball and then we collapse on them. Before they know it they've turned into three players. We take teams out of their rhythm and they get frustrated."

But it's not as if coach Tom Fitzgerald's gang is one-dimensional. General Manager Jamey Rootes has assembled a roster that is filled with some of the USA's top youngsters. Yeagley received the prestigious Missouri Athletic Club Award after leading Indiana University to the 1994 NCAA Division I title game. His 40 assists is second-best in Hoosiers history.

Indiana teammate Brian Maisonneuve has emerged as a well-rounded midfielder, as his selection to the '98 World Cup team indicates. States U.S. National Team coach Steve Sampson, "He has great comfort with the ball and great field awareness. Brian did exceptionally well in the 1996 Olympics." Indeed, Maisonneuve scored two of the USA's four goals during that tournament.

At age 25, striker Brian McBride is the second youngest member (to Dallas' Jason Kreis) on MLS' All-time Top 10 scoring list. His 23 regular season goals and nine assists placed McBride sixth as of opening day, with his 55 points second-best among American-born players to D.C. United's Roy Lassiter.

The Attack

Proven goalscorer Brian McBride finally gets some help up front with the additions of Jamaican Andrew Williams and Stern John of Trinidad & Tobago. Williams and John bring speed and flair to the Crew attack. Watch for Robert Warzycha and Brian Maisonneuve pushing forward from the midfield.

Key new attackers are internationals Andrew Williams (Jamaica) and Stern John (Trinidad). The 20-year old Williams shone in the CONCACAF Gold Cup and has roots, having twice nabbed All-America status while at the University of Rhode Island. John, 21, led New Orleans to the top of the A-League's Central Division last season while earning first-team All-Star and Rookie of the Year honors.

With so much burgeoning talent, having veteran leadership is especially important. Enter Robert Warzycha, Juergen Sommer and Thomas Dooley.

All-Star Game starter Warzycha runs the midfield. The former Polish international (47 caps) is quick to push forward and is a great playmaker. His 21 assists ranks seventh on MLS' career list.

The son of a former German Second Division keeper, Sommer was so lightly regarded coming out of high school that he had to pay his own way as a walk-on freshman in Indiana's 1987 pre-season camp. Not only did he defy the odds by making the squad, as a sophomore he led the Hoosiers to college soccer's summit and was named the defensive MVP of the NCAA Division I title game for his shutout of Howard University. Two years later he was honored

as college soccer's top goalkeeper.

Sommer took his skills to England, where as a member of London's Queens Park Rangers he became the first American goalie to perform in the Premiership. Juergen eventually tallied a remarkable 159 English League appearances. He was a large reason for Luton Town's improbable run to the 1994 FA Cup semi-final. Much of his success can be attributed to the size of his heart, which exceeds even the scope of his six-foot, five-inch frame.

The son of a U.S. serviceman stationed in Germany, Thomas Dooley was born in Bechhofen. His extensive experience includes helping FC Kaiserslautern win the DFB (German) Cup in 1990 and the Bundesliga in 1991. He made his U.S. National Team debut in 1992 and has been a fixture ever since. Dooley's leadership and versatility are tremendously prized by club and country.

"Thomas epitomizes professionalism," says Yeagley. "He takes the time with younger players. His reinforcement on the field is always positive. He's been a big part of our success. Hopefully, we can squeeze a couple more years out of his body."

In The Back

The impact of losing goalkeeper Brad Friedel to Liverpool was greatly diminished by the signing of Juergen Sommer, himself a veteran of the English League. The former Indiana Hoosier will rely on cerebral, tough-tackling Thomas Dooley, Mike Lapper, Mike Clark, Ricardo Iribarren, and Ansil Elcock to organize the defense.

New Faces

The Crew sports a new look at opposite ends of the field thanks to the additions of Caribbean imports Andrew Williams and Stern John up front, Juergen Sommer in goal and the return of Ricardo Iribarren. Backing up Sommer is Mark Dougherty, formerly of the Tampa Bay Mutiny and the MLS career win leader with 32.

Rick Yeatts/MLS/Allsport

Striker Stern John exploded for the first MLS hat trick of '98 during a 5-1 dismantling of the Miami Fusion in April

1998 CREW ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
25	Ubusuku Abukusumo	D	6-1	175	3/24/77	Albuquerque, NM	NC State (Project-40)
7	Scott Cannon	D	5-9	155	7/22/68	Evansville, IN	Evansville
22	Marcelo Carrera	M	5-8	156	10/1/63	Canton, OH	—
3	Mike Clark	D	6-0	170	12/16/72	Indianapolis, IN	Indiana
11	Jeff Cunningham	F	5-8	155	8/21/76	Tampa, FL	South Florida
5	Thomas Dooley	D/M	6-1	170	5/12/61	Mission Viejo, CA	—
1	Mark Dougherty	GK	6-2	180	11/7/67	Cupertino, CA	Fresno State
13	Ansil Elcock	M/D	5-11	160	3/17/69	Caroni, Trinidad	St. Augustine
12	Jason Farrell	M/F	5-10	170	12/31/70	Seattle, WA	Seattle Pacific
15	Andrew Gregor	M	5-11	160	11/22/75	Portland, OR	Portland
4	Ricardo Iribarren	D	6-0	175	2/11/67	La Plata, Argentina	—
14	Stern John	F	6-1	180	10/30/76	Tunapuna, Trinidad	Mercer County CC
2	Mike Lapper	D	6-0	170	8/28/70	Huntington Beach, CA	UCLA
10	Brian Maisonneuve	M	5-11	170	6/28/73	Warren, MI	Indiana
20	Brian McBride	F	6-1	170	6/19/72	Arlington Heights, IL	St. Louis
16	Rob Smith	M	5-10	150	8/20/73	Wilmington, DE	South Carolina
1	Juergen Sommer	GK	6-5	215	2/27/69	Naples, FL	Indiana
24	Nick Theslof	M	5-8	165	12/12/75	Dublin, OH	UCLA
9	Billy Thompson	M	5-6	140	5/5/68	Cupertino, CA	UCLA
19	Robert Warzycha	M	5-8	160	8/20/63	Warsaw, Poland	—
17	Brian West	F	5-9	155	6/10/78	Columbia, MD	Virginia (Project-40)
8	Andrew Williams	M/F	5-8	155	9/23/77	Kingston, Jamaica	Rhode Island
18	David Winner	GK	6-1	185	4/23/71	Davie, FL	Tampa
6	Todd Yeagley	D/M	6-0	170	9/20/72	Bloomington, IN	Indiana

COACH: *Tom Fitzgerald*

Date of Birth: *March 14, 1951*

Hometown: *Saratoga Springs, NY*

Family: *Married to Debi with two sons, Shane (22) and Jesse (16)*

Teams Coached: *University of Tampa 1987-1995, Jesuit High School Tampa 1978-80*

Coaching Record: *Columbus Crew - 27-22, University of Tampa 132-32-11, Jesuit HS, Tampa 35-11-6, NCAA Division Two Championship 1994, 5 Sunshine State Conference Championships, Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year 1987, 1989 & 1990, NSCAA South Region Coach of the Year 1987, 1988 & 1990*

Action Images

At 6'5", goalkeeper Juergen Sommer has been walking tall ever since he was a walk-on freshman at Indiana University

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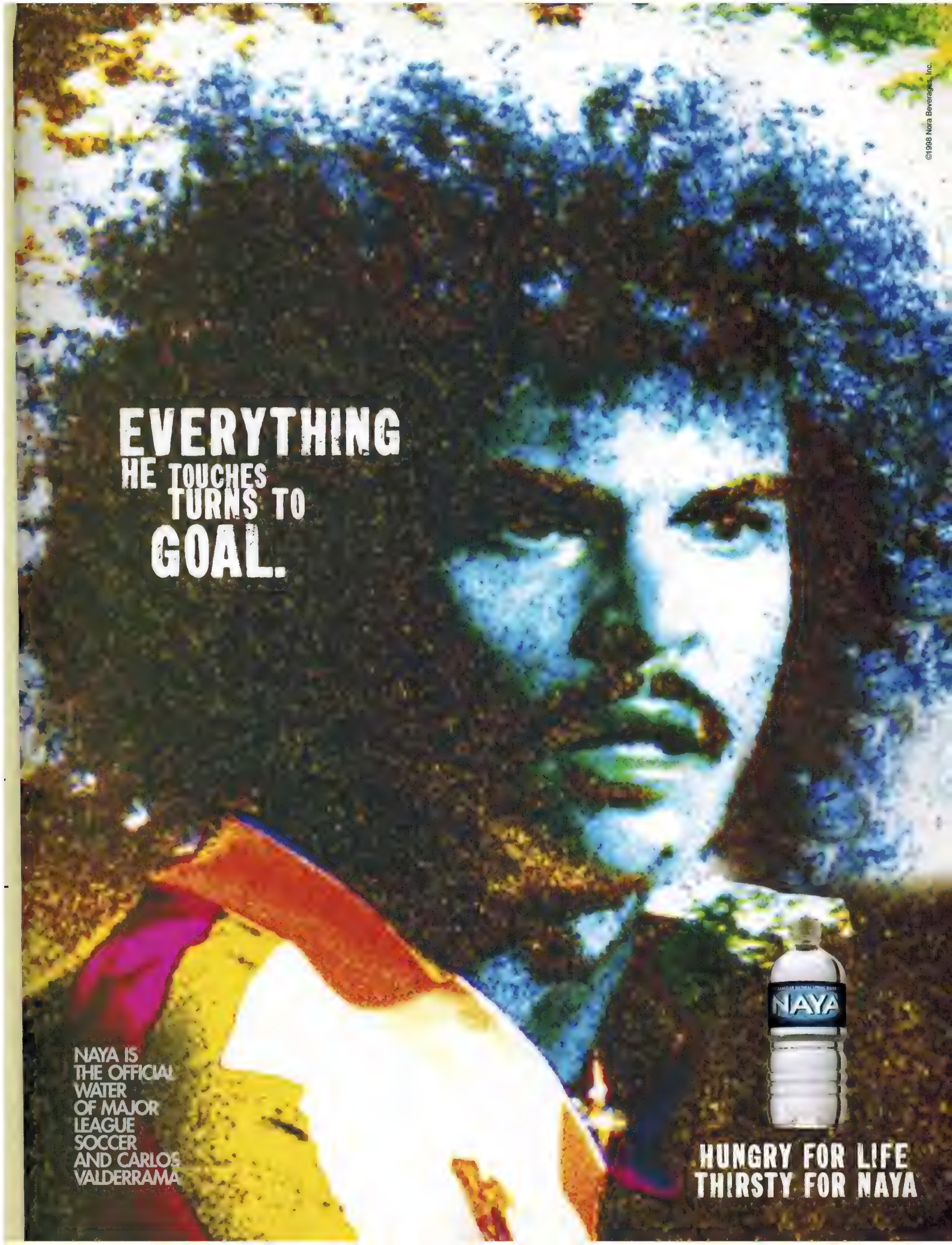
- President/General Manager: Jamey Rootes

- Stadium: Ohio Stadium
- MLS Capacity: 25,134
- Field Dimensions: 62 yards x 106 yards
- Official Training Center: Columbus Crew Training Facility at the village of Obetz
- Team Colors: Black, Yellow, Metallic Silver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1998 CREW SCHEDULE

	MARCH		
Mar. 21	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	WSYX-Ch.6 (ABC)
Mar. 29	@ Dallas	3:00 pm	Univision
	APRIL		
Apr. 4	DC United	7:30 pm	
Apr. 11	New England	7:30 pm	
Apr. 18	Miami	7:30 pm	
Apr. 26	@ DC United	3:00 pm	Univision/FOX SP
Apr. 30	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
	MAY		
May 9	@ Miami	4:00 pm	ESPN2
May 17	Los Angeles	3:00 pm	Univision
May 22	@ New England	7:30 pm	
May 27	@ Kansas City	8:30 pm	FOX Sports Ohio
May 30	San Jose	7:30 pm	
	JUNE		
June 6	@ Chicago	8:00 pm	WSYX-Ch.6 (ABC)
June 13	DC United	7:30 pm	
June 20	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
	JULY		
July 3	@ San Jose	10:30 pm	WTTE Fox 28
July 9	Chicago	7:30 pm	ESPN
July 19	@ MetroStars	3:00 pm	Univision
July 25	Dallas	7:30 pm	
July 29	@ Miami	7:30 pm	
	AUGUST		
Aug. 8	New England	7:00 pm	
Aug. 12	@ MetroStars	7:30 pm	
Aug. 16	Kansas City	3:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 22	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
Aug. 29	@ Los Angeles	10:30 pm	FOX Sports Ohio
	SEPTEMBER		
Sep. 6	MetroStars	3:00 pm	Univision
Sep. 9	Miami	7:30 pm	
Sep. 12	@ New England	7:30 pm	FOX Sports Ohio
Sep. 16	Colorado	7:30 pm	
Sep. 19	@ Colorado	9:00 pm	
Sep. 24	Tampa Bay	8:00 pm	ESPN2
Sep. 27	@ DC United	5:00 pm	FOX Sports Ohio

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Shaun Botterill/Allsport

Dooley was vital to the success of the '94 U.S. team - he was the only midfielder to play every minute of every game.

Crew Trivia

Robert Warzycha led Major League Soccer in shots on goal (92) and corner kicks taken (98) in 1997.

1997 COLUMBUS STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
25	D	Ubusuku Abukusumo	1	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Freddie Butler	1	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	F	Marcelo Carrera	20	14	1226	3	2	8	26	11	1	0	20	24	7	0	0
3	D	Mike Clark	31	28	2484	1	2	4	6	4	1	1	34	28	4	4	0
5	D	Thomas Dooley	15	15	1309	4	1	9	26	15	1	0	15	17	0	0	0
2	D	Ansil Elcock	26	21	1856	1	0	2	9	1	1	0	38	31	2	3	1
11	M	Jason Farrell	18	10	1026	2	3	7	24	8	0	0	11	10	4	0	0
1	GK	Brad Friedel	29	29	2609	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	2	1
15	M	Doctor Khumalo	18	18	1318	2	4	8	23	13	2	1	23	21	4	2	0
11	D	Mike Lapper	20	20	1785	1	2	4	12	4	0	1	32	26	0	2	0
10	M	Brian Maisonneuve	32	30	2734	3	7	13	52	27	0	2	52	50	14	2	0
12	F	Pete Marino	28	7	1239	8	4	20	40	28	0	1	30	30	30	2	0
20	F	Brian McBride	13	13	1069	6	6	18	40	18	2	2	8	29	9	3	0
4	D	Janusz Michallik	10	6	447	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0
24	D	Sergio Miguez	17	16	1361	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	28	17	0	1	0
17	D	Todd Miller	3	1	81	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
		Silvio Rudman	6	2	190	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	0
7	M	Jorge Salcedo	28	26	2240	1	6	8	21	4	0	1	24	33	0	3	0
16	M	Rob Smith	25	8	1112	0	0	0	11	3	0	0	12	12	7	1	0
9	F	Billy Thompson	6	4	296	1	1	3	6	4	1	0	1	6	2	0	0
19	M	Robert Warzycha	31	31	2720	3	11	17	92	32	2	2	36	72	14	3	0
18	GK	David Winner	4	3	271	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	M	A.J. Wood	29	21	1833	5	4	14	52	21	1	0	24	35	10	2	0
6	M	Todd Yeagley	27	22	1996	2	1	5	10	5	0	0	22	35	3	2	1
		OTHERS			941	1	0	2	9	3	0	0	23	12	1	2	0
		TOTALS	32	32	2880	42	56	140	451	192	12	13	440	484	109	33	3

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Brad Friedel	29	2609	168	131	104	35	1.21	4	5	15	36	14	15	8
18	David Winner	4	271	17	11	9	6	2.00	0	0	1	5	1	2	0
	TOTALS	32	2880	185	142	113	41	1.28	4	5	16	41	15	17	8

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

D.C. UNITED

Tony Quinn/MLS/Allsport

Superstar Jaime Moreno was named MVP of MLS Cup '97 as he helped D.C. United to a second successive championship

Having won the first two MLS titles and the 1996 U.S. Open Cup, virtually everyone in U.S. soccer is asking what D.C. United can do for an encore? Everyone, that is, except Bruce Arena.

The D.C. coach says he "couldn't care less about any discussions of three-in-a-row. It's premature. All we're trying to do is to put a good team on the field. If we can do that we will position ourselves at the end of the season to play for a championship. We won't worry about that until we get in the playoffs, if we get in the playoffs. Our goal is to make the playoffs."

The 1997 MLS All Sport Coach of the Year is an astute judge and developer of talent whose teams are as attractive as they are effective. Arena's stated goal notwithstanding, anything short of a trip back to the MLS Cup would be a disappointment for this talented team. Yet, there are concerns.

United lost right back David Vaudreuil and important role players John Maessner and Kris Kelderman to the Miami Fusion in the expansion draft. In addition, salary cap constraints dictated trading striker Raul Diaz Arce. "That was a tough decision," notes Arena. "If we're going to be around for years to come we need to demonstrate fiscal integrity."

Filling the void left by Diaz Arce's departure is Roy Lassiter, who was acquired from Tampa Bay in exchange for Roy Wegerle. Lassiter had an off year in '97, but D.C. hopes he regains the form he showed in '96 when he led the league with 27 goals.

Joining Lassiter is fleet-footed Bolivian Jaime Moreno, who in '97 paced MLS with 16 goals despite only appearing in 20 regular season contests. Also tops were his five game-winning goals. MVP of MLS Cup '97, the young Moreno is one of the most dangerous attackers in MLS.

D.C.'s strikers benefit from playing in front of what is arguably the league's best all-around midfield. Maestro Marco "El Diablo" Etcheverry is an artist in cleats. Etcheverry's sorcery was fully evident when, using his magic left foot, he wove his way through the New England defense to produce the 1997 MasterCard Goal of the Year. Marco has 30 regular season assists and he set up all three D.C. goals in MLS Cup '96. Understates John Harkes, "I'm glad that he's on our team."

Harkes, the industrious former U.S. National Team captain, was the first American to play in an FA Cup Final and to win the English League Cup. At age 20 in 1987, he made his international debut after being named the Missouri Athletic Club's College Player of the Year.

An All-Star in '97, Richie Williams provides unglamorous – but vital – defensive cover. The importance of Williams' constant running and quick ball movement cannot be overlooked. On the flanks, the athletic Tony

The Attack

With the departure of Raul Diaz Arce, the Magic Triangle has been broken apart. But don't shed any tears for United. Jaime Moreno and Marco Etcheverry, two of the most talented players in MLS, remain. Add Roy Lassiter, Tony Sanneh, Ben Olsen and John Harkes and D.C. boasts an explosive, deep attack.

Sanneh (a scorer in both MLS Cup triumphs) and rookie standout Ben Olsen are dangerous going forward.

D.C. also boasts a high caliber defense, which includes U.S. National Team starters Jeff Agoos and Eddie Pope. There wasn't any sophomore jinx for Pope in 1997. He was named MLS' BIC Defender of the Year and won the Honda Award in media voting as U.S. Soccer's top performer. Central defender Carlos Llamosa was one of the biggest surprises in MLS last season.

To foes hoping expansion draft losses may have left United thin, Arena warns, "We've developed young players who are ready to step in." On that list are midfielder Brian Kamler, keeper Tom Presthus and rookie Carey Talley. Plus, Canadian National Team stalwart Geoff Aunger came via the supplemental draft.

While Arena isn't looking too far forward, he is proud of what has transpired. "Nobody handed us our success, we earned it," he states. "At times we out-worked and outsmarted our opponents and that's the reason why we have been successful. We worked very hard to build the type of team and organization that we have today."

In The Back

Despite the propensity of D.C.'s backs to relentlessly push forward, the defense is solid. U.S. internationals Eddie Pope and Jeff Agoos team with Carlos Llamosa and Clint Peay in the back. Richie Williams shuts down opposing midfields. Goalkeeping duties could be shared between Scott Garlick and Tom Presthus.

New Faces

"Rocket" Roy Lassiter, Canadian international Geoff Aunger and rookies Ben Olsen and Carey Talley, along with newcomer A.J. Wood (the 9th University of Virginia alumnus on the roster), will see time for D.C. The depth these players provide minimizes the impact of losing MLS' all-time leading goal scorer Raul Diaz Arce, Roy Wegerle and three solid players in the expansion draft.

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Marco Etcheverry's magical strike against New England was voted MasterCard Goal of the Year in 1997

1998 UNITED ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
12	Jeff Agoos	D	5-10	175	5/2/68	Dallas, TX	Virginia
5	Geoff Aunger	D	5-11	170	2/4/68	Vancouver, Canada	-
25	Danny Care	D	5-10	175	6/20/74	Peachtree City, GA	Clemson
33	Judah Cooks	M	6-1	175	11/29/76	Bethesda, MD	Maryland (Project-40)
10	Marco Etcheverry	M	5-10	160	9/26/70	Santa Cruz, Bolivia	-
1	Scott Garlick	GK	6-2	185	5/29/72	Phoenix, AZ	San Diego
11	Mario Gori	D	5-7	165	1/6/73	Rosario, Argentina	-
6	John Harkes	M	5-11	165	3/8/67	Kearny, NJ	Virginia
8	Brian Kamler	M	6-1	175	2/12/72	Ballwin, MO	Creighton University
15	Roy Lassiter	F	5-8	165	3/9/69	Raleigh, NC	N.C. State
18	Carlos Llamosa	D	5-11	166	6/30/69	Maspeth, NY	-
9	Jaime Moreno	F	5-10	163	1/19/74	Santa Cruz, Bolivia	-
14	Ben Olsen	F	5-8	140	5/3/77	Middletown, PA	Virginia (Project-40)
24	Curt Onalfo	D	6-2	185	11/19/69	Tampico, Mexico	Virginia
4	Clint Peay	D	6-0	175	9/16/73	Columbia, MD	Virginia
23	Eddie Pope	D	6-0	175	12/24/73	High Point, NC	North Carolina
22	Tom Presthus	GK	6-4	205	4/5/75	Dallas, TX	Southern Methodist
20	Tony Sanneh	M	6-2	190	6/1/71	St. Paul, MN	UW-Milwaukee
2	Mark Simpson	GK	6-0	180	3/18/66	Schaumburg, IL	Eastern Illinois
19	Mike Slivinski	M	5-7	165	10/31/74	St. Charles, MO	Virginia
3	Carey Talley	M	6-2	180	8/8/76	Cordova, TN	North Carolina
16	Richie Williams	M	5-5	145	6/3/70	Middletown, NJ	Virginia
7	A.J. Wood	F	6-2	195	8/17/73	Rockville, MD	Virginia
26	Lyle Yorks	M	6-0	165	1/30/70	Storrs, CT	Virginia

COACH: *Bruce Arena*

Date of Birth: *September 21, 1951*
Hometown: *Brooklyn, NY*
Family: *Married to Phyllis with one son, Kenny*
Appointed: *January 3, 1996*
Teams Played For: *Cornell Univ. (1971-73), Nassau Community College (1969-71)*
Playing Record: *All-American honors at Nassau Community College, All-Ivy League honors at Cornell, MVP in 1972 NCAA Championships*
Teams Coached: *US Olympic Team (1996), Univ. of Va. (1978-95), Univ. of Puget Sound (1976), Asst. Coach - Cornell Univ. 1973*
Coaching Record: *D.C. United 47-28, UVa 295-59-31, MLS Cup 1996 & 1997, MLS Eastern Conf. Championship 1996 & 1997, U.S. Open Cup 1996, MLS All Sport Coach of the Year 1997, 5 NCAA Division I Championships, National Coach of the Year 1993, 7-times ACC Coach of the Year*

Allen Kee/Allsport

Defender Jeff Agoos has plenty to shout about with two Major League Soccer championships under his belt

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	MARCH		
Mar. 15	@ Miami	4:00 pm	ABC
Mar. 21	Kansas City	8:00 pm	ESPN2
Mar. 29	New England	5:00 pm	ESPN
	APRIL		
Apr. 4	@ Columbus	7:30 pm	
Apr. 11	Colorado	7:30 pm	
Apr. 18	@ New England	3:00 pm	ABC
Apr. 26	Columbus	3:00 pm	Univision
Apr. 29	San Jose	7:30 pm	HTS
	MAY		
May 2	@ Chicago	8:00 pm	HTS
May 9	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
May 13	New England	7:30 pm	HTS
May 16	@ MetroStars	1:00 pm	ESPN2
May 23	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	HTS
May 30	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	HTS
	JUNE		
June 3	@ San Jose	10:30 pm	HTS
June 7	Dallas	3:00 pm	Univision
June 13	@ Columbus	7:30 pm	HTS
June 20	@ Kansas City	8:30 pm	HTS
June 25	@ Colorado	9:00 pm	ESPN2
	JULY		
July 2	Miami	7:30 pm	ESPN2
July 10	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	HTS
July 15	@ New England	7:30 pm	HTS
July 18	Chicago	3:00 pm	ABC
July 25	@ Los Angeles	10:30 pm	HTS
July 29	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	HTS
	AUGUST		
Aug. 7	@ Dallas	8:30 pm	ESPN
Aug. 22	MetroStars	7:30 pm	HTS
Aug. 29	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	HTS
	SEPTEMBER		
Sep. 13	@ Miami	1:00 pm	Univision
Sep. 16	@ MetroStars	7:30 pm	HTS
Sep. 19	Miami	7:30 pm	
Sep. 27	Columbus	5:00 pm	HTS

HTS – Home Team Sports

All Times Eastern. HTS = Home Team Sports

Shaun Botterill/Allsport

Harkes was a mainstay in both the '90 and '94 Cups, playing every minute of every match except for the '94 Brazil game, which he was forced to sit out because of accumulated yellow cards.

WASHINGTON D.C. UNITED

United Trivia

Richie Williams has won national championships at every level: Union Lancers (youth), University of Virginia, Richmond Kickers (USISL) and D.C. United.

1997 D.C. UNITED STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
12	D	Jeff Agoos	29	27	2413	1	3	5	14	9	0	2	32	36	1	1	0
21	F	Raul Diaz Arce	22	20	1789	15	6	36	68	47	4	2	21	19	34	0	0
10	M	Marco Etcheverry	20	19	1696	3	11	17	45	22	1	2	20	54	11	4	1
1	GK	Scott Garlick	14	13	1171	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
11	D	Mario Gori	8	8	606	1	0	2	5	5	0	0	6	7	3	3	0
6	M	John Harkes	25	23	2067	5	9	19	43	18	1	3	19	26	17	3	0
5	M	Ben Iroha	21	18	1389	4	5	13	17	6	2	1	34	14	1	3	1
8	M	Brian Kamler	5	1	163	1	0	2	5	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	0
7	D	Kris Kelderman	24	9	913	2	4	8	11	6	0	0	8	10	0	1	0
18	D	Carlos Llamosa	25	20	1817	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	28	23	0	4	0
19	M	John Maessner	32	20	2012	2	9	13	32	20	1	1	11	22	5	2	0
15	M	Jesse Marsch	11	1	233	3	3	9	5	3	1	0	8	1	0	0	0
9	F	Jaime Moreno	20	20	1725	16	8	40	66	48	5	0	30	40	19	2	0
4	D	Clint Peay	13	8	813	1	0	2	6	3	0	0	12	7	1	1	0
23	D	Eddie Pope	29	29	2513	3	2	8	12	4	0	2	18	24	1	0	0
26	GK	Tom Presthus	7	7	629	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
20	M	Tony Sanneh	29	28	2271	5	11	21	39	19	2	2	42	41	10	6	0
2	GK	Mark Simpson	7	7	629	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
22	M	Joey Theiman	3	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
24	D	David Vaudreuil	25	19	1789	0	2	2	4	3	0	0	21	17	2	0	0
17	F	Roy Wegerle	31	23	1932	5	4	14	35	21	1	0	48	21	55	3	0
16	M	Richie Williams	30	29	2604	2	9	13	22	9	0	0	57	40	3	3	0
		OTHERS			1677	3	2	8	18	14	0	1	20	19	14	2	0
		TOTALS	32	32	2880	70	88	228	432	254	17	16	400	423	151	36	2

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Scott Garlick	14	1170	82	57	36	22	1.69	0	0	7	18	9	5	2
26	Tom Presthus	7	630	40	32	20	13	1.86	0	2	3	4	3	2	0
2	Mark Simpson	7	629	35	26	19	7	1.00	3	3	5	10	4	2	3
	OTHERS		451	41	30	28	11	2.20	0	1	4	8	4	2	1
	TOTALS	31	2880	198	145	103	53	1.66	3	6	19	40	20	11	6

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

Al Bello/Allsport

The fighting spirit shown by midfield dynamo Tab Ramos as he fought back from a torn ACL twice in 12 months inspires his teammates

METROSTARS

If you can't always beat 'em, hire 'em. So seems to be the new motto for the MetroStars.

After having split two 1997 meetings with Alfonso Mondelo's Long Island Rough Riders, the MetroStars lured Mondelo across the Hudson River. And having been edged out for a playoff spot by New England, the Metros sent a draft pick and future considerations up I-95 to acquire the Revs' central defender Alexi Lalas.

Lalas is looking to solidify the MetroStars defense and bring some excitement to Giants Stadium. After starring in the '94 World Cup and the '95 Copa America for the U.S., Lalas signed with Padova to become the first American to play (and score) in Italy's Serie A. U.S. Soccer's 1995 Male Athlete of the Year is on course to soon join the exclusive 100-cap club.

In keeping with their theme, the Metros acquired the man who single-handedly destroyed them in front of the largest home crowd in their history. There were 53,250 witnesses on June 9, 1996 when Eduardo Hurtado netted three shots and added an assist during a 4-0 L.A. Galaxy romp.

Will the Ecuadorian international regain the form that saw him score 21 times in 1996? Notes Mondelo, "He's excited about being in New York and when this player is motivated you've got to watch out for him. Hurtado is a proven goal scorer and he's the perfect complement to Giovanni Savarese."

Another newcomer to the MetroStars is the diminutive (5'2") striker/wing midfielder Paul Dougherty. The 1997 Continental Indoor Soccer League's MVP (with 50 goals), Dougherty is quick and clever.

Mondelo added depth to his back line with the addition of Jose Arley Palacios. Strong and comfortable in possession, he was acquired from Colombian club Independiente Medellin.

The MetroStars' nucleus includes two stars who are reunited with their former boss. The last time striker Giovanni Savarese touched a ball for a Mondelo-coached team was when he netted the decisive shot with six seconds remaining in the 1995 USISL title game against the Minnesota Thunder. Gio's hustle and 28 goals have made the Venezuelan international a fan favorite at Giants Stadium.

Ex-Rough Rider Tony Meola is the most capped goalie in U.S. National Team history. His 89 appearances include all seven U.S. games in the 1990 and 1994 World Cups. The 29-year old is a two-time MLS All-Star and his 14 regular season shutouts through the '97 season is the league's standard.

Injuries and inconsistency limited Tab Ramos to five goals and 14 assists in his first two MLS seasons. Ramos has recovered from his second torn ACL and the MetroStars hope he consistently shows his immense talent – such as the skill he demonstrated with his 25-yard rocket in the 1-0 win over Costa Rica that was critical to the USA going to France '98. Much is also needed in the midfield from youngsters Brian Kelly and Miles Joseph. Their off-season was spent training with Italy's AC Milan.

The Attack

The additions of Eduardo "El Tanque" Hurtado, Marcelo Vega and indoor veteran Paul Dougherty give super-scorer Giovanni Savarese help up front. Also new is Diego Soñora (formerly of the Dallas Burn), who will attack from the midfield where he'll team with the incomparable Tab Ramos and youngsters Miles Joseph and Brian Kelly.

Running the show is Chile's ace playmaker, Marcelo Vega, who earned 10 of his 21 caps while leading his nation to a berth in France. The 26-year old is one of South America's most skillful and creative midfielders.

Unbridled determination earned Rhett Harty MetroStars BIC Defensive Player of the Year status in '97. His headed extra time goal against Long Island got the MetroStars into the U.S. Open Cup semifinal, after Mondelo's squad had defeated New England to reach the quarterfinals.

Mondelo replaces 1994 World Cup-winning coach Carlos Parreira. Noting the improvements in Colorado and New England when big-name imports yielded to men who launched their coaching careers in the USA, the Metros management hired a man whose four seasons on Long Island produced a gaudy .715 winning percentage. Mondelo also led the Hota Bavarians to four straight U.S. Amateur Cup finals.

Mondelo's teams reflect the great passion for soccer that he acquired growing up in Spain. Such is his dedication that he has annually paid his own way on post-season pilgrimages to great South American and European clubs to further his coaching education. His squads typically are very fit, play well together and produce a style that is attractive and effective.

In The Back

Veteran Tony Meola remains the rock of the MetroStars defense. Superstar Alexi Lalas, Jeff Zaun and Colombian Jose Arley Palacios are the core of the back line. Rookie Mike Petke, Rhett Harty and Mark Semioli all will see time. Mike Sorber roams in front of that group in his defensive midfield role.

New Faces

A blockbuster three-way trade with New England and D.C. United brought U.S. international Alexi Lalas to the MetroStars. The signing of Eduardo Hurtado (from L.A.), Marcelo Vega, Paul Dougherty, Diego Soñora and Jose Arley Palacios, not to mention new coach Alfonso Mondelo, means the 1998 MetroStars have a completely new look.

Joe Giblin/MLS/Allsport

The MetroStars are banking on veteran goalkeeper Tony Meola to help them turn the corner in 1998

1998 METROSTARS ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
23	Cristian da Silva	D	5-11	172	2/3/71	Paterson, NJ	So. Connecticut State
8	Paul Dougherty	M/F	5-3	130	12/5/66	Escondido, CA	-
15	Rhett Harty	D	6-1	178	3/8/70	Whittier, CA	Stanford
18	Tim Howard	GK	6-2	190	3/6/79	North Brunswick, NJ	- (Project-40)
29	Eduardo Hurtado	F	6-3	200	1/12/69	Esmeraldas, Ecuador	-
19	Miles Joseph	F	5-9	165	5/2/74	Clifton Park, NY	Clemson
20	Brian Kelly	M	5-7	140	10/6/74	Shavertown, PA	Duke
-	Matt Knowles	D	6-1	190	10/7/70	Philadelphia, PA	-
22	Alexi Lalas	D	6-3	195	6/1/70	Detroit, MI	Rutgers
1	Tony Meola	GK	6-1	205	2/21/69	Kearny, NJ	Virginia
14	Joe Munoz	F	5-10	157	3/16/76	Chula Vista, CA	Cal-State Bakersfield
5	Jose Arley Palacios	D	6-1	175	6/10/73	Medellin, Colombia	-
16	Carlos Parra	M	6-0	165	2/3/77	West Haven, CT	- (Project-40)
12	Mike Petke	D	6-2	185	1/30/76	Bohemia, NY	So. Connecticut State
10	Tab Ramos	M	5-7	140	9/21/66	Kearny, NJ	N.C. State
13	Jim Rooney	M	6-0	165	9/9/68	Deer Park, NY	C.W. Post
11	Travis Roy	M	6-2	205	5/10/74	Livonia, MI	Wisconsin
17	Giovanni Savarese	F	6-0	180	7/14/71	Howard Beach, NY	Long Island
3	Mark Semioli	D	6-0	175	3/20/68	Palo Alto, CA	Stanford
4	Diego Sonora	D/M	5-8	165	7/17/69	Buenos Aires, Argentina	-
6	Mike Sorber	M	5-10	165	5/14/71	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis
27	Barry Swift	F	5-9	150	11/11/76	Brooklyn, NY	- (Project-40)
9	Marcelo Vega	M	5-8	168	8/12/71	Copiapo, Chile	-
24	Billy Walsh	M	6-2	185	10/7/75	Chatham, NJ	Rutgers
2	Jeff Zaun	D	6-0	165	4/2/71	Medford, NJ	Rutgers
21	Kerry Zavagnin	D	5-10	170	7/2/74	Plymouth, MI	North Carolina

COACH: *Alfonso Mondelo*

Date of Birth: *August 13, 1958*
Hometown: *Baracaldo, Spain*
Family: *Two daughters, Natassia (15) and Karina (9)*
Appointed: *January 14, 1998*
Teams Played for: *AD Torrejon (Spain) 1977-80*
Teams Coached: *Long Island Rough Riders (USISL & A-League) 1994-97, Puerto Rico National Team 1992, New York Hota Bavarians (semi-pro) 1981-93*
Coaching Record: *Rough Riders 86-34-1, 1995 USISL Championship, U.S. Amateur Cup Final Four 1990-93, USISL North Atlantic Division Champions 1994-97, USISL Northeast Coach of the Year 1994-95*

S.R. Smith/MLS/Allsport

Fan favorite Giovanni Savarese is planning more goal scoring heroics after being reunited with coach Alfonso Mondelo

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1998 METROSTARS SCHEDULE

	MARCH		
Mar. 28	@ Los Angeles	10:30 pm	WPXN
	APRIL		
Apr. 4	@ Kansas City	8:30 pm	ESPN2
Apr. 11	Los Angeles	3:00 pm	ABC/AM620
Apr. 17	@ Chicago	8:30 pm	ESPN
Apr. 25	San Jose	2:00 pm	ABC
	MAY		
May 3	@ Tampa Bay	3:00 pm	
May 6	Dallas	7:30 pm	MSG2/AM620
May 9	@ DC United	7:30 pm	MSG
May 16	DC United	1:00 pm	ESPN2/AM620
May 23	Miami	7:00 pm	MSG
May 31	@ New England	3:00 pm	Univision
	JUNE		
June 3	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	WPXN/AM620
June 7	@ Miami	3:30 pm	ESPN
June 13	Miami	7:00 pm	MSG
June 20	@ Columbus	7:30 pm	MSG
June 24	New England	7:30 pm	WPXN/AM620
	JULY		
July 4	@ Colorado	9:00 pm	MSG
July 11	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	MSG/AM620
July 19	Columbus	3:00 pm	
July 25	Chicago	3:00 pm	ESPN
July 29	Kansas City	7:30 pm	MSG/AM620
	AUGUST		
Aug. 9	@ San Jose	3:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 12	Columbus	7:30 pm	MSG/AM620
Aug. 15	@ Miami	4:00 pm	ABC
Aug. 22	@ DC United	7:30 pm	FSNY/AM620
Aug. 29	@ Dallas	8:30 pm	MSG
	SEPTEMBER		
Sep. 2	New England	7:30 pm	FSNY/AM620
Sep. 6	@ Columbus	3:00 pm	Univision
Sep. 9	Colorado	7:30 pm	MSG2/AM620
Sep. 13	@ Tampa Bay	5:30 pm	MSG
Sep. 16	DC United	7:30 pm	MSG2/AM620
Sep. 26	@ New England	7:30 pm	MSG

All Times Eastern. MSG = Madison Square Garden Network; FSNY = FOX Sports New York

Shaun Botterill/Allsport

The '94 Cup was a coming out party for Lalas, whose outstanding performance led to a contract with Padova of Italy's Serie A.

MetroStars Trivia

Defender Rhett Harty is a regular Sunday evening host on the internet video broadcast SportsJamz (http://www.pseudo.com).

1997 METROSTARS STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
12	F	Shaun Bartlett	23	15	1431	3	2	8	35	18	1	0	23	15	4	1	0
8	D	Brian Bliss	28	24	2044	1	3	5	13	1	0	0	39	27	3	2	0
4	D	Branco	11	11	885	1	2	4	8	6	1	0	18	13	0	2	3
14	M	Braeden Cloutier	17	11	923	0	1	1	11	6	0	0	11	26	1	1	0
16	D	Cristian da Silva	14	6	596	0	1	1	7	2	0	0	13	8	0	1	0
11	F	Antony De Avila	23	21	1915	9	9	27	66	36	2	2	36	29	28	6	0
7	M	Roberto Donadoni	32	31	2696	3	9	15	50	17	1	3	26	94	2	1	0
	M	Guido	9	9	791	0	1	1	7	1	0	0	17	10	2	2	0
15	D	Rhett Harty	26	26	2278	0	1	1	10	6	0	1	36	13	0	4	0
19	F	Miles Joseph	29	15	1771	2	10	14	29	15	0	2	29	29	9	0	0
20	M	Brian Kelly	21	14	1354	1	4	6	23	10	0	2	17	26	9	0	0
3	D	Matt Knowles	4	2	175	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	3	0	1	0
9	M	Manuel Lagos	15	15	1213	0	2	2	11	6	0	1	14	31	2	1	0
24	D	Andrew Lewis	19	15	1422	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	1	0
4	D	Joao Luiz	7	7	585	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	14	8	0	0	0
1	GK	Tony Meola	30	30	2700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	3	0
25	M	Carlos Parra	4	3	273	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	4	4	0	1	0
10	M	Tab Ramos	13	13	955	2	4	8	12	4	1	1	5	20	6	4	1
17	F	Giovanni Savarese	29	23	2069	14	4	32	49	30	3	0	53	53	29	4	0
22	D	Mark Semioli	29	28	2377	2	1	5	12	4	0	0	45	37	3	7	0
6	M	Mike Sorber	22	22	1888	4	0	8	21	7	2	0	29	29	2	1	0
18	GK	Zach Thornton	3	2	197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	D	Jeff Zaun	10	6	570	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	7	6	1	3	0
21	D	Kerry Zavagnin	22	12	1146	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	12	11	1	2	0
		OTHERS			1729	3	2	8	29	16	0	0	26	25	5	3	0
		TOTALS	32	32	2880	43	55	141	388	185	11	12	440	504	103	48	4

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Tony Meola	30	2683	207	147	117	48	1.61	4	4	9	22	12	18	5
18	Zach Thornton	3	197	19	12	6	5	2.28	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
	TOTALS	32	2880	226	159	123	53	1.66	5	5	9	22	13	19	5

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

MIAMI FUSION

Alberto Mosquera/MLS/Allsport

Marcelo "Popeye" Herrera has experience at the highest level, having won the World Club Championship with Velez Sarsfield of Argentina

Like any new team, the expansion Miami Fusion needed an identity – a foundation on which to build on and off the field. With the arrival of Carlos Valderrama, arguably MLS' biggest star, the Fusion has an identity. And the jobs of coach Carlos "Cacho" Cordoba and General Manager Leo Stillitano became much less complicated.

Valderrama's trophy case contains the MLS 1996 Honda MVP and two MasterCard All-Star Game MVP awards. Add his MLS career-leading 36 assists and it is easy for laymen to comprehend the value of "El Pibe" (the kid). However, to fully appreciate the Colombian master requires watching him not only when he is delivering beautiful passes, but when he doesn't have the ball. Valderrama's positional sense is astounding. His defense-splitting first touch passes are the result of hard work in creating the best passing angle.

"He's always thinking three steps ahead of everyone else," raves former Valderrama teammate Frank Yallop. "He's fantastic to watch. Carlos has got the best touch and he's the best through ball passer I've ever seen. The vision of the man is incredible. He's world-class."

Echoes MetroStars/U.S. National Team midfielder Tab Ramos, "He's certainly the number one play-maker in the league. His vision is fantastic. Sometimes it seems as if Carlos has got eyes in the back of his head and he's as skillful as anybody in the world."

Valderrama's presence at Lockhart Stadium continues a tradition of creative soccer greatness that dates back a generation. Long before the U.S. National Team had emerged as a bona fide force or folks even dreamed that the U.S. could host a World Cup, the intimate Fort Lauderdale facility was the lone American soccer venue that provided a European-style atmosphere. In the heyday of the old NASL, Lockhart showcased the skills of global legends Nene Cubillas (Peru), Gerd Mueller (West Germany), George Best (Northern Ireland) and Jan Van Beveren (Netherlands).

Now Lockhart is back on the map. Miami's nationally-televised season opener packed the renovated stadium with 20,450 customers, and another 3000 had to be turned away. Raved D.C. United coach Bruce Arena, "The atmosphere here is a model for MLS."

And despite being an expansion team, the Miami Fusion has compiled a roster with enough talent to have made the old Fort Lauderdale Strikers proud.Complementing Valderrama in the midfield are a host of Latin Americans led by Marcelo "Popeye" Herrera. Herrera is veteran of 12 years in Argentina's top flight, most recently for Gimnasia y Esgrima de Jujuy. During his stint with Velez Sarsfield, he was a member of the team that defeated Brazil's Sao Paolo to win the Copa Libertadores and subsequently upset AC Milan to capture the World Club championship.

Valderrama's countryman, Diego Serna,

The Attack

Carlos Valderrama, the MLS all-time assist leader, is the hub of the Fusion attack – as he was with Tampa Bay in '96 and '97. Fellow midfielders Marcelo "Popeye" Herrera (Argentina) and Diego Serna (Colombia) all go forward regularly. The key question is how often Jerry Tamashiro (Peru) and Dan Stebbins put Valderrama's precision passes in the back of the net.

most recently played for the Colombian club Independente Medellin. The 24-year old midfielder scored eight goals in the past two seasons. Striker Jerry Tamashiro, who helped Universitario de Deportes (1991) and Alianza Lima (1997) capture Peruvian First Division championships, adds firepower to the attack.

Local product Nelson Vargas has represented the USA in the 1996 Summer Olympics and in both the Under-17 and Under-20 FIFA World Championships. A central midfielder with superb skills, he's still only 23. Midfielder Alen Kozic – the son of former Tampa Bay Rowdie central defender Refik – led Florida International University to the 1996 NCAA Final. He is considered a solid prospect, as is Leo Cullen from Maryland.

Miami coach Cacho Cordoba used the expansion draft to build his defense. Cordoba plucked proven commodities David Vaudreuil and Kris Kelderman (both from D.C. United), Matt Kmosko (Colorado), Cle Kooiman (Tampa Bay) and Wade Webber (Dallas). He also procured two of the nation's top goalkeeping prospects, Jeff Cassar and Matt Napoleon, to challenge ex-Mutiny deputy Scott Budnick for the No.1 shirt.

In The Back

Miami chose to build their defense through the expansion and college drafts, signing a number of promising Americans. David Vaudreuil, an attacking wing back/midfielder from D.C. United, rugged Cle Kooiman (Tampa Bay), Wade Webber (Dallas) and rookie sweeper Leo Cullen (University of Maryland) head the list. Goalkeeper Jeff Cassar needs to prove himself as a starter, with Scott Budnick and Matt Napoleon waiting in the wings.

On The Bench

Head coach Carlos "Cacho" Cordoba arrives in Miami after a two-year stint as the Dallas Burn's number two man. Cordoba, who played for Boca Juniors, employs an Argentine style – a little Latin flair in the attack, combined with tenacious defense.

Alberto Mosquera/MLS/Allsport

The Fusion couldn't have chosen a better player to build the team around than midfield genius Carlos Valderrama

1998 FUSION ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
18	Scott Budnick	GK	6-2	195	10/28/71	Louisville, KY	William & Mary
1	Jeff Cassar	GK	6-2	190	2/2/74	Livonia, MI	Florida International
16	Ramiro Corrales	D/M	6-0	160	3/12/77	Salinas, CA	—
2	Leo Cullen	D	5-8	160	2/26/76	Burnsville, MN	Maryland
20	Henry Gutierrez	M	5-7	150	8/28/68	Miami, FL	North Carolina State
8	Marcelo Herrera	M	5-10	165	10/5/66	Jujuy, Argentina	—
14	Kris Kelderman	D/M	6-1	185	12/10/68	Neenah, WI	Virginia
12	Matt Kmosko	D/M	6-1	173	1/8/72	Ship Bottom, NJ	Hartwick College
4	Cle Kooiman	D	6-1	190	7/4/63	Ontario, CA	San Diego State
21	Alen Kozic	D	6-0	170	9/27/76	Tampa, FL	Florida Intl. (Project-40)
11	John Maessner	M	5-10	162	6/2/69	Mercerville, NJ	Virginia
24	Joey Martinez	D	6-1	150	12/28/75	Escondido, CA	—
25	Pablo Mastroeni	M	5-9	150	8/29/76	Phoenix, AZ	N.C. State
22	Matt Napoleon	GK	6-1	175	8/18/77	Feasterville, PA	Columbia (Project-40)
17	Diego Serna	M	5-10	175	10/2/73	Medellin, Colombia	—
19	Dan Stebbins	F	5-11	170	11/13/69	Milwaukee, WI	Notre Dame
5	Jerry Tamashiro	F	5-7	158	3/18/71	Lima, Peru	—
15	Brian Taylor	F	6-0	170	7/23/75	Hanford, CA	Fresno State
10	Carlos Valderrama	M	5-9	157	9/2/61	Barranquilla, Colombia	—
6	Nelson Vargas	M	5-7	150	8/6/74	Miami, FL	—
7	David Vaudreuil	D/M	5-7	158	12/21/66	Canton, CT	Princeton
3	Wade Webber	D	6-3	195	1/12/67	Auburn, WA	Portland

COACH: "Cacho" Carlos Cordoba

Date of Birth: *November 5, 1958*
Hometown: *Buenos Aires, Argentina*
Family: *Married to Maria with three children, Melina (18), Romina (14) and Patricio (9)*
Appointed: *November 4, 1997*
Teams Played for: *Argentina National Team '79-80, Boca Juniors '74-85, Huracan (Arg.) '86, Union of Sante Fe '87, L.A. Lazers (MISL) '85-86, K.C. Comets (MISL) '87-88, Toronto Blizzard (Canada) '88, San Diego Sockers (MISL) 1988-90, Milwaukee Wave (NPSL) '91-92*
Playing Record: *Argentinean Championship 1981, Inter-Continental Cup '78, Copa Libertadores '77, Copa de Oro '83 & '85, MISL Champs '89 & '90*
Teams Coached: *Milwaukee Rampage (USISL) '95, Co-Head Coach - Univ. of Wisc.-Whitewater '92-95, Asst. Coach - Dallas Burn '96-97, Asst. Coach - Milwaukee Wave (NPSL) '91-92*
Coaching Record: *Milwaukee Rampage 17-3, USISL Midwest Division Championship*

Allen Kee/Allsport

Former Colorado Rapid Matt Kmosko was one of a number of defenders acquired by Miami in the 1998 expansion draft

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- Stadium: Lockhart Stadium
- MLS Capacity: 20,450
- Field Dimensions: 75 yards x 116 yards
- Official Training Center: Fort Lauderdale Sports Complex
- Team Colors: Miami Blue, Gold, White

Shaun Botterill/Allsport

1998 FUSION SCHEDULE

	MARCH		
Mar. 15	DC United	4:00 pm	ABC
Mar. 21	Chicago	7:30 pm	Sunshine Network
Mar. 26	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	ESPN2
	APRIL		
Apr. 4	New England	7:30 pm	
Apr. 11	Kansas City	7:30 pm	
Apr. 18	@ Columbus	7:30 pm	Sunshine Network
Apr. 25	@ New England	7:30 pm	
	MAY		
May 2	Colorado	7:30 pm	Sunshine Network
May 9	Columbus	4:00 pm	ESPN2
May 16	@ San Jose	10:30 pm	Sunshine Network
May 23	@ MetroStars	7:00 pm	Sunshine Network
May 28	@ Colorado	9:30 pm	ESPN2
May 31	@ Dallas	3:00 pm	Sunshine Network
	JUNE		
June 7	MetroStars	3:30 pm	ESPN
June 13	@ MetroStars	7:00 pm	Sunshine Network
June 27	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
	JULY		
July 2	@ DC United	7:30 pm	ESPN
July 15	San Jose	7:30 pm	Sunshine Network
July 18	@ Los Angeles	10:30 pm	Sunshine Network
July 26	@ New England	3:00 pm	Univision
July 29	Columbus	7:30 pm	Sunshine Network
	AUGUST		
Aug. 6	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	ESPN2
Aug. 15	MetroStars	4:00 pm	ABC
Aug. 19	Dallas	7:30 pm	Sunshine Network
Aug. 23	@ Kansas City	3:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 30	New England	3:00 pm	Univision
	SEPTEMBER		
Sep. 2	@ Chicago	8:00 pm	Univision
Sep. 5	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	Sunshine Network
Sep. 9	@ Columbus	7:30 pm	Sunshine Network
Sep. 13	DC United	1:00 pm	Univision
Sep. 19	@ DC United	7:30 pm	Sunshine Network
Sep. 27	Tampa Bay	3:00 pm	Univision

All Times Eastern.

WORLD CUP FLASHBACK

USA94

CLE KOOIMAN

DEFENDER • USA

Shaun Botterill/Allsport

The rugged Kooiman, who had only started one warm-up match for the U.S. in 1994, was a surprise starter in the first round match versus Switzerland.

FUSION MIAMI F.C.

Miami Trivia

While playing alongside Diego Maradona at Boca Juniors, Cacho Cordoba won the 1981 Argentine championship.

Allen Kee/Allsport

Diego Serna, one of three Latin American midfielders on the Fusion, likes to push forward into the attack

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

David Silverman/MLS/Allsport

All-time MLS leading goal scorer Raul Diaz Arce always seems to be in the right place at the right time

Thomas Rongen has a vision. The New England Revolution coach, who is a product of the fantastic Ajax of Amsterdam youth system, would like his team to employ a Dutch-like 3-4-3 formation. While that is reserved for the future, Rongen won't compromise on his desire to "always play an entertaining, attacking and attractive style with sound technical players at its foundation. I hope to combine South American flair with European toughness. We will put the best team out this year the Revolution has ever had."

One big factor will be avoiding medical bills; last year's squad was hit by injuries which contributed to a nine-game losing streak. Although Rongen righted the ship in time to snare key stretch wins and secure the final Eastern Conference playoff berth, he opted to exile four imports from '97. "We had to make significant changes to improve the quality of our product," he insists.

Rongen's first major move was obtaining MLS' career goal scoring king Raul Diaz Arce from D.C. United. A skillful opportunist in front of goal, Diaz Arce netted 38 shots in the past two seasons, plus eight playoff strikes.

Says Revs/U.S. National Team defender Mike Burns, "He's a goal scorer and that's what we need. We were one-dimensional in the past. Joe-Max (Moore) was our only go-to guy. That was too much to ask of one person. Raul is relieving some of that pressure."

After returning from Germany midway through the 1996 season, Moore scored 11 times in 14 games. An injury-plagued 1997 left him itching to "put last year behind me. Now I'm feeling sharp. I want to make 1998 my year."

Another Moore booster is coach Rongen, "For me, a healthy Joe-Max may be the best American player. He's a great ambassador of the game and a guy who can carry a team through sheer enthusiasm and his work rate."

Moore had a USA record-tying four goals in one game in 1993 against El Salvador. His free kick in extra time of the 1991 Pan-American Games title game gave America the gold medal over Mexico.

Newcomer Richard Goulooze, an Ajax product like Rongen, is a defender who "is a great organizer." Continues Rongen, "He's a very technically sound player who can start the attack from the back."

The club's third big off-season acquisition is Edwin Gorter, who scored 131 goals in 432 career first division matches in Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and France. In explaining why he wanted Gorter so badly, Rongen simply says, "The MLS teams that have been successful all have a great number 10 (playmaking midfielder). So we brought in a Dutch midfield maestro to play that role for us."

Defensive midfielder David Nakhid arrives after a fine showing in the CONCACAF Gold Cup. Before earning 42 caps for Trinidad & Tobago, he helped American University reach the 1985 NCAA Division I Final (they lost, 1-0, to the Paul Caligiuri-led UCLA Bruins).

The able replacement for retired keeper

The Attack

The arrival of scoring phenom Raul Diaz Arce and master playmaker Edwin Gorter give the Revolution offense a completely different look. Diaz Arce and Gorter team with Joe-Max Moore and rookie Johnny Torres to produce some attacking punch. Look for Imad Baba, Jair, Evans Wise and Paul Keegan to push forward on the midfield flanks.

Walter Zenga is 6'6" Ian Feuer. The Las Vegas native was a member of the USA's 1992 Olympic Team before making 130 appearances for the English League's Peterborough United and Luton Town.

Thomas Rongen hopes that he can combine the many newcomers with the Revolution veterans to produce his type of team. Rongen coaches the way that he played as a defensive midfielder; with passion, confidence and total commitment. His mission is to reward the fans who produced an MLS-best average gate of 21,423 in 1997.

Notes Burns, "I believe the atmosphere and our fans are second to none in MLS. I can't say enough how much we appreciate that."

As for Rongen, Burns relates, "He came into a pretty difficult situation. Our only original players left are myself and Teddy (Chronopoulos). That's really cleaning house. He's trying to mold a team the way he thinks will be successful. He gets the most out of his players. We respect him and want to play for him."

Adds Moore, "He's a great coach. He knows how to communicate with the players so well. I know that he's going to build a great team here."

In The Back

The central defense has been completely revamped for 1998. Gone are Alexi Lalas, Francis Okaroh and Walter Zenga. Coach Rongen hopes that veterans Mike Burns and Ted Chronopoulos can combine with central defenders Richard Goulooze and Ivan McKinley to form a strong back line. Goalkeeper Ian Feuer arrives from Luton Town of the English Second Division.

New Faces

Not only do the Revs have many new faces, but the newcomers play very prominent roles. Raul Diaz Arce is counted on to produce goals while Ian Feuer is relied on to stop them. Dutchmen Edwin Gorter and Richard Goulooze must organize the offense and defense respectively. The number one pick from the draft, Johnny Torres, shows great promise as does Jair.

David Silverman/MLS/Allsport

Striker Joe-Max Moore is raring to go after struggling with injuries most of '97 and early in '98

1998 REVOLUTION ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
8	Imad Baba	M	5-10	170	3/15/74	Humble, TX	Clemson
-	Jamar Beasley	F	5-10	160	10/11/79	Ft. Wayne, IN	- (Project-40)
4	Mike Burns	D/M	5-9	165	9/14/70	Marlboro, MA	Hartwick College
26	Jeff Causey	GK	6-3	197	10/19/71	Gainesville, VA	Virginia
5	Ted Chronopoulos	D	6-0	168	9/16/72	Loma Linda, CA	San Diego State
15	Kevin Coye	D	6-0	170	3/14/76	Huntington Beach, CA	UCLA
21	Raul Diaz Arce	F	5-9	160	2/2/70	San Salvador, El Salvador	-
2	Brian Dunseth	D	6-0	170	3/2/77	Upland, CA	Cal-St. Fullerton(Proj.-40)
1	Ian Feuer	GK	6-6	215	5/20/71	Las Vegas, NV	-
10	Edwin Gorter	M	5-10	176	7/6/63	Amsterdam, Netherlands	-
7	Richard Goulooze	D	6-0	180	11/16/67	Amsterdam, Netherlands	-
23	Rob Jachym	F	6-0	175	10/28/74	Meriden, CT	Hartford
16	Jair	M	5-8	154	12/17/74	Cape Verde, Portugal	-
18	Paul Keegan	F	6-0	165	12/30/72	Dublin, Ireland	Boston College
14	Ivan McKinley	M	6-2	180	6/15/69	Palm Bay, FL	College of Boca Raton
3	Janusz Michallik	D	5-11	176	4/22/66	New Britain, CT	Tunxis Community College
6	Dahir Mohammed	D	6-2	185	3/17/74	Brookfield, WI	C.W. Post
9	Joe-Max Moore	F	5-8	150	2/23/71	Miami, FL	UCLA
12	David Nakhid	M	6-1	180	5/15/64	Champs Fleurs, Trinidad	American University
33	Carlos Rocha	F	5-10	165	12/4/74	Lisbon, Portugal	So. Connecticut State
20	Johnny Torres	M	5-8	140	4/24/76	Dickinson, TX	Creighton
19	Jesse Van Saun	M	5-9	160	4/20/76	Hillsdale, NJ	St. John's University
11	Evans Wise	M	6-0	160	11/23/73	Port of Spain, Trinidad	-

COACH: *Thomas Rongen*

Date of Birth: *October 31, 1956*
Hometown: *Amsterdam, Holland*
Family: *Married to Gail*
Appointed: *November 6, 1996*
Teams Played For: *Ajax Amsterdam (Holland) 1969-75, AFC Amsterdam 1976-79, Dutch Olympic Team 1977-79, L.A. Aztecs (NASL) 1979-80, Washington Diplomats (NASL) 1980-81, Ft Laud. Strikers (APSL) 1981-89*
Playing Record: *25 appearances for the Dutch Olympic Team 1977-79, APSL Championship 1989*
Teams Coached: *Tampa Bay Mutiny (MLS) 1996, Nova S.E. Univ., 1988-95, Ft Laud. (APSL) 1988-95*
Coaching Record: *New England 15-19, Tampa Bay 22-15, Nova 53-39-9, Ft Laud. 73-62, MLS Coach of the Year 1996, APSL Coach of the Year 1989*

Rick Stewart/Allsport

Rising star Imad Baba is looking to make a name for himself in Major League Soccer this season

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- MLS Capacity: 24,871
- Field Dimensions:
  70 yards x 115 yards
- Official Training Center:
  Babson College
- Team Colors:
  Red, White, Blue

Simon Bruty/Allsport

1998 REVOLUTION SCHEDULE

	MARCH		
Mar. 29	@ DC United	5:00 pm	ESPN
	APRIL		
Apr. 4	@ Miami	7:30 pm	FSNE
Apr. 11	@ Columbus	7:30 pm	FSNE
Apr. 18	DC United	3:00 pm	ABC
Apr. 25	Miami	7:30 pm	FSNE
	MAY		
May 3	@ San Jose	8:00 pm	FSNE
May 10	Tampa Bay	3:00 pm	Univision
May 13	@ DC United	7:30 pm	FSNE
May 16	Kansas City	7:30 pm	FSNE
May 22	Columbus	7:30 pm	FSNE
May 31	MetroStars	3:00 pm	Univision
	JUNE		
June 7	@ Los Angeles	3:00 pm	ESPN/FSNE
June 14	Chicago	3:00 pm	FSNE
June 24	@ MetroStars	7:30 pm	FSNE
June 27	Dallas	7:00 pm	CH.5
	JULY		
July 1	@ Kansas City	8:30 pm	FSNE
July 4	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	FSNE
July 11	@ Colorado	9:00 pm	FSNE
July 15	DC United	7:30 pm	FSNE
July 18	@ Dallas	8:30 pm	FSNE
July 26	Miami	3:00 pm	Univision/CH.5
July 29	Colorado	7:30 pm	FSNE
	AUGUST		
Aug. 5	San Jose	7:30 pm	FSNE
Aug. 8	@ Columbus	7:00 pm	CH.5
Aug. 14	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	ESPN
Aug. 22	Los Angeles	4:00 pm	ABC
Aug. 30	@ Miami	3:00 pm	Univision
	SEPTEMBER		
Sep. 2	@ MetroStars	7:30 pm	FSNE
Sep. 12	Columbus	7:30 pm	FSNE
Sep. 19	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	FSNE
Sep. 23	@ Chicago	8:30 pm	FSNE
Sep. 26	MetroStars	7:30 pm	FSNE

All Times Eastern. FSNE = FOX Sports New England; CH.5 = WCVB

Simon Bruty/Allsport

The hard-working Burns was not called on by coach Bora Milutinovic during the '94 Cup, though he had started the team's final five warm-up matches.

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION™

Revolution Trivia

Defender Ted Chronopoulos is a big fan of professional wrestling, and it shows in his game. Last year Chronopoulos tied for second in the league in both cautions (8) and ejections (2).

1997 NEW ENGLAND STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
8	M	Imad Baba	29	28	2389	7	5	19	50	25	1	1	37	48	6	1	0
4	D	Mike Burns	32	32	2880	0	2	2	36	18	0	1	41	20	0	5	0
26	GK	Jeff Causey	12	11	991	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0
5	D	Ted Chronopoulos	30	30	2622	2	1	5	30	13	1	0	51	43	6	8	2
27	GK	Scott Coufal	4	4	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	M	Brian Dunseth	5	1	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
25	M	Alejandro Farias	25	24	2069	1	3	5	11	5	0	0	37	36	1	2	1
33	F	Giuseppe Galderisi	23	22	1722	5	8	18	49	23	1	3	30	70	27	8	0
3	D	Erik Imler	15	9	855	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	11	7	1	1	0
21	F	Rob Jachym	9	1	248	0	0	0	10	6	0	0	3	2	2	1	0
18	F	Paul Keegan	16	5	655	1	1	3	12	7	1	0	26	26	9	2	0
9	M	John Kerr	19	14	1136	2	5	9	19	15	1	0	23	11	13	1	0
19	M	Steve Klein	4	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0
22	D	Alexi Lalas	30	29	2607	2	3	7	24	11	0	2	63	33	9	8	0
14	M	Ivan McKinley	26	21	1982	5	4	14	38	18	0	2	25	20	5	6	0
12	F	Joe-Max Moore	13	12	986	4	2	10	28	16	0	1	13	15	5	2	0
10	M	Alberto Naveda	29	28	2391	7	7	21	71	39	2	0	66	74	6	1	0
20	D	Francis Okaroh	29	29	2526	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	38	35	0	2	0
7	M	Darren Sawatzky	26	5	900	1	0	2	16	8	1	0	12	7	9	1	0
6	D	Leonardo Squadrone	23	23	1877	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	40	9	2	3	0
16	F	Evans Wise	22	8	920	3	0	6	20	9	0	0	36	33	6	3	0
1	GK	Walter Zenga	22	22	1980	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0
	OTHERS				2679	1	6	22	51	24	4	2	40	37	22	4	0
	TOTALS		32	32	2880	40	38	118	403	205	11	9	543	456	105	49	3

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
26	Jeff Causey	12	991	85	56	47	27	2.45	0	1	7	13	4	8	1
27	Scott Coufal	4	360	28	17	18	9	2.25	0	0	4	5	0	4	1
1	Walter Zenga	22	1980	110	79	86	28	1.27	1	1	12	41	15	7	5
TOTALS		32	2880	182	122	123	53	1.66	1	2	19	51	15	17	6

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

TAMPA BAY MUTINY

Jon van Woerden/MLS/Allsport

Frankie Hejduk is one of the Mutiny's non-stop stars, who use pace and stamina to put pressure on opponents

How Swede it is! That should be the rallying cry of Tampa Bay fans this summer. The objective of tightening up the Mutiny defense got a huge boost with the additions of Swedish stars Jan Eriksson and Thomas Ravelli. Both bring impressive résumés to a team looking to regroup after a season of turmoil in '97.

The 30-year old Eriksson set his nation's domestic transfer fee record when he moved from AIK Stockholm to IFK Norrkoping in 1991. Jan scored Sweden's first goal of Euro '92, heading in Anders Limpar's corner kick against France. He added the vital equalizer in the 2-1 win over England that got Sweden into the semifinal. Eriksson brings stability to a Mutiny defensive back line which gave up more goals (60) than any other MLS team last season.

Ravelli is sure to be a fan favorite not only because of his style and flamboyant personality, but because of his abundant goalkeeping skills. Ravelli has surpassed Peter Shilton to become soccer's most capped goalkeeper. His 143 appearances for Sweden include every match of the 1994 World Cup from the first round 1-1 draw with Brazil to the 4-0 demolition of Bulgaria that clinched third place. Sweden's 1991 Player of the Year (his teams won eight titles in 21 seasons) says he aims to play three MLS seasons.

Long gone are his early pro days when Thomas moonlighted as a wire brush salesman. Fluent in three languages, he has emerged as Tampa Bay's leader. Says Mike Duhaney, "He's like the father of our team. He tells us what to do and where to be."

Adds newcomer Dominic Kinnear, "The mood in the locker room is fantastic and a lot of it has to do with Thomas. He doesn't discriminate with his practical jokes whether it be the coach or the trainer or the press guy."

Ravelli's personality has restored Mutiny to a nickname rather than a verb. Acknowledges Tampa Bay/Canadian National Team defender Frank Yallop, "Our chemistry wasn't quite there last year."

One subject Tampa Bay definitely gets an "A" in is speed. Kinnear is impressed by Frankie Hejduk, Adam Frye, Steve Ralston and Duhaney, "Not only are they fast but they run all game. It gets warm in Tampa. The more they run the more disheartening it is for the other team."

The biggest change for the Mutiny in '98 is in the central midfield. Concedes coach John Kowalski, "There is no replacement for a Carlos Valderrama. Without him we have to be more team-oriented. There will be a different flow to our attack. Gilmar is playing that role. He's capable of scoring goals and of ball distribution."

All-Star midfielder Ralston should also shoulder more of the playmaking burden in Valderrama'a absence.

The trade of Roy Lassiter to D.C. United for Roy Wegerle early in '98 gives the Mutiny a new look up front. Due to a succession of knee surgeries, there were doubts about Wegerle

The Attack

Carlos Valderrama and Roy Lassiter are gone which leaves some holes. Hopefully, U.S. international Roy Wegerle, Brazilian Gilmar and MLS All-Star Steve Ralston can step up and produce goals. Look for fleet-footed Frankie Hejduk to play a roaming striker position.

regaining his old professional form (he scored 19 goals in the English League for Queens Park Rangers in 1990-91). However, he played well for D.C. United during the '97 season and his revival was confirmed when he scored twice and notched an assist in the 3-0 win in Canada in November of 1997 to clinch the USA's third straight World Cup berth.

A positive omen for newcomers Chris "The Undertaker" Houser and UCLA midfielder Josh Keller is they have joined the club that has a "lock" on the Bandai Rookie of the Year trophy. Duhaney ('97) and Ralston ('96) have both won the award.

In The Back

Goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli and defender Jan Eriksson, both of Sweden, were brought in for their experience and world class skills. The Mutiny trademark of speed at the wing back position continues with '97 Bandai Rookie of the Year Mike Duhaney. Steady Canadian international Frank Yallop plays sweeper.

When Tampa Bay plays the MetroStars on September 13, the final curtain drops on Houlihan's Stadium (playoff games will be contested at the 65,000-seat facility that is being constructed next door). One lucky fan will put the lights out for the last time and all athletes who ever competed in the "big sombrero" are invited to participate in an Olympic-style pregame parade.

Look for the Mutiny's overall attendance to rise with the marketing department arranging a series of post-game Saturday night concerts. One thing's for sure, with the Swedes on board Tampa Bay's defense will be on song.

New Faces

The Mutiny's top newcomer is Thomas Ravelli, who brings an interesting mix of flair and steadiness to the goalkeeping position. Swedish countryman Jan Eriksson hopes to stabilize the back line. Roy Wegerle's job is to increase goal production in the absence of Valderrama and Lassiter. Dominic Kinnear arrives from San Jose.

Aubrey Washington/Allsport

Goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli brings leadership, experience and a wicked sense of humor to the Mutiny

1998 MUTINY ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
24	Steve Bell	M	6-1	160	1/7/75	Pittsburgh, PA	Robert Morris
15	Mike Duhaney	D	5-11	165	4/5/74	San Diego, CA	UNLV
3	Jan Eriksson	D	6-0	170	8/24/67	Stockholm, Sweden	-
12	Adam Frye	D	5-8	159	2/15/74	Alamogordo, NM	UCLA
4	Sam George	M	5-11	175	6/29/70	Santa Margarita, CA	UCLA
10	Gilmar	M/F	6-1	170	5/16/70	Sao Paulo, Brazil	-
13	Frankie Hejduk	F/M	5-8	155	8/5/74	Cardiff, CA	UCLA
20	Chris Houser	D	6-3	195	3/9/73	Sioux Falls, SD	So. Connecticut State
18	Guillermo Jara	M	5-8	145	10/20/73	Sacramento, CA	San Diego
17	Josh Keller	M	5-10	155	2/16/75	Laguna Niguel, CA	UCLA
6	Dominic Kinnear	M	5-10	160	7/26/67	Fremont, CA	Hartwick College
-	Brian Loftin	F	5-10	165	4/4/72	Kansas City, KS	Evansville
23	Chad McCarty	D	5-11	185	10/5/77	Clovis, CA	Washington (Project-40)
2	R.T. Moore	D	6-0	185	1/7/76	Rockford, IL	Maryland
22	Doug Petras	GK	6-2	205	7/29/72	Pittsburgh, PA	Robert Morris
8	Alan Prampin	F	5-7	165	11/30/71	Dallas, TX	SMU
21	Eric Quill	F	5-11	170	2/28/78	Missouri City, TX	Clemson (Project-40)
14	Steve Ralston	M	5-9	155	6/14/74	St. Louis, MO	Florida International
1	Thomas Ravelli	GK	6-2	185	8/13/59	Vaxjo, Sweden	-
7	Musa Shannon	F	5-11	170	8/1/75	Monrovia, Liberia	Robert Morris
77	Roy Wegerle	F	5-11	170	3/19/64	Tampa, FL	South Florida
5	Frank Yallop	D	5-10	160	4/4/64	Vancouver, Canada	-
9	Jacek Ziober	F	5-9	155	11/18/65	Lodz, Poland	-

COACH: *John Kowalski*

Date of Birth: *December 22, 1951*
Hometown: *Serwickley, PA*
Family: *Married to Pat with one daughter, Kaylene (2)*
Appointed: *November 15, 1996*
Teams Played for:
Connecticut Yankees (ASL) 1974-77, Cincinnati Kids (MISL) 1978, New Britain Falcons 1973-78, University of New Haven 1969-73
Teams Coached:
U.S. National Indoor Team 1986-97, U.S. National Team (interim) 1991, U.S. National U20 Team 1994, Pittsburgh Spirit (MISL) 1981-85, Hartford Hellions (MISL) 1980-81, Robert Morris College (NCAA Div 1) 1989-96
Coaching Record:
Tampa Bay Mutiny 17-17, U.S National Team 2-0-1, Pittsburgh Spirit 106-82

Stephen Dunn/Allsport

Steve Ralston has blossomed into one of the top young American stars in Major League Soccer

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  Houlihan's Stadium
- MLS Capacity: 24,776
- Field Dimensions:
  68 yards x 116 yards
- Official Training Center:
  Houlihan's Stadium
- Team Colors:
  Dark Blue, Light Blue,
  Yellow, Green

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1998 MUTINY SCHEDULE

	MARCH		
Mar. 21	Columbus	7:30 pm	
Mar. 26	Miami	7:30 pm	ESPN2
	APRIL		
Apr. 4	@ Chicago	8:00 pm	
Apr. 11	Dallas	7:30 pm	
Apr. 19	@ Colorado	3:00 pm	Univision
Apr. 25	@ Los Angeles	10:30 pm	SportsChannel
Apr. 30	Columbus	7:30 pm	
	MAY		
May 3	MetroStars	3:00 pm	Univision
May 10	@ New England	3:00 pm	Univision
May 13	Kansas City	7:30 pm	
May 16	Chicago	7:30 pm	
May 23	@ DC United	7:30 pm	
May 30	DC United	7:30 pm	
	JUNE		
June 3	@ MetroStars	7:30 pm	Univision
June 6	@ Kansas City	8:30 pm	SportsChannel
June 21	@ Dallas	7:00 pm	SportsChannel
June 27	@ Miami	7:30 pm	SportsChannel
	JULY		
July 4	New England	7:30 pm	
July 11	@ MetroStars	7:00 pm	
July 15	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
July 18	@ San Jose	10:30 pm	SportsChannel
July 25	Colorado	7:30 pm	
July 29	@ DC United	7:30 pm	
	AUGUST		
Aug. 6	Miami	7:30 pm	ESPN2
Aug. 14	New England	7:30 pm	ESPN
Aug. 22	@ Columbus	7:30 pm	SportsChannel
Aug. 29	DC United	7:30 pm	
	SEPTEMBER		
Sep. 3	San Jose	8:00 pm	ESPN2
Sep. 13	MetroStars	5:30 pm	
Sep. 19	@ New England	7:30 pm	
Sep. 24	@ Columbus	8:00 pm	ESPN2
Sep. 27	@ Miami	3:00 pm	Univision

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Simon Bruty/Allsport

Eriksson was on the '90 Swedish squad as well as the '94 team, which made an improbable run to the semifinals where they were beaten by eventual champion Brazil.

Mutiny Trivia

Thomas Ravelli's mother was a Swedish tennis champion, and his twin brother Andreas played with Thomas on the Swedish national team.

1997 TAMPA BAY STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
16	M	Derek Backman	3	2	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	M	Joao Batista	17	12	1051	1	1	3	6	3	0	2	26	21	2	4	0
22	GK	Scott Budnick	9	8	737	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
20	F	Chiquinho Conde	25	25	2153	6	7	19	44	22	3	1	26	43	31	4	0
1	GK	Mark Dougherty	26	24	2158	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0
15	D	Mike Duhaney	27	25	2205	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	20	14	1	3	0
21	M	Marco Ferruzzi	19	5	581	0	2	2	15	5	0	0	12	13	4	1	0
12	D	Adam Frye	18	17	1438	0	2	2	6	1	0	1	28	24	2	4	0
19	M	Sam George	22	14	1322	4	0	8	19	11	1	0	19	12	1	2	0
18	F	Gilmar	16	16	1272	8	6	22	39	18	4	0	26	41	16	4	0
2	M	Bill Harte	9	5	461	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	10	3	1	0	0
13	M	Frankie Hejduk	23	22	1941	1	6	8	20	11	1	1	34	43	11	9	2
4	D	Cle Kooiman	27	27	2293	1	2	4	10	5	0	0	68	19	0	7	2
11	F	Roy Lassiter	24	23	1879	10	2	22	48	31	3	2	16	31	32	1	0
23	F	Alan Prampin	24	12	1215	7	3	17	26	17	1	2	7	16	16	0	0
9	F	Eric Quill	2	1	109	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0
14	M	Steve Ralston	29	29	2491	5	12	22	42	21	2	4	21	40	6	0	0
17	F	Musa Shannon	5	1	151	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	4	2	0	0
10	M	Carlos Valderrama	20	20	1740	3	19	25	20	9	0	5	6	33	5	3	1
8	M	Nelson Vargas	21	9	963	3	2	8	22	7	0	0	16	33	1	0	0
6	M	Martin Vasquez	28	28	2475	4	3	11	43	19	1	1	40	46	2	7	1
5	D	Frank Yallop	27	27	2430	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	24	9	0	2	0
	OTHERS				2832	8	9	25	69	33	1	4	52	78	25	11	0
	TOTALS		32	32	2880	55	71	181	396	196	14	21	417	492	138	62	7

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
22	Scott Budnick	9	737	45	35	25	15	1.83	0	4	3	12	2	6	1
1	Mark Dougherty	25	2143	150	109	64	45	1.89	1	3	9	17	15	9	3
	TOTALS	32	2880	195	144	89	60	1.88	1	7	12	29	17	15	4

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CHICAGO FIRE

Michael Stahlschmidt/MLS/Allsport

Superstar Jorge Campos is a colorful presence in the Fire goal and when he makes his occasional appearance as a forward

Having twice lifted the MLS Cup as Bruce Arena's deputy, Bob Bradley knows how a successful team is constructed. The lessons learned with D.C. United and while leading Princeton University to three NCAA tournament berths (including the 1993 semi-finals) and two Ivy League crowns are being put to use by the Chicago Fire's first head coach.

Just as D.C. United revolves around a central midfield showcasing the great skills of Marco Etcheverry with Richie Williams covering defensively, the Fire features Peter Nowak with Chris Armas providing balance.

Nowak is completing his third decade of top flight football. In 1996, he was named Poland's Player of the Year and the German Bundesliga's top play-maker while with 1860 Munich. Fluent in five languages, he is the Polish National Team's captain.

"I saw Peter play in (World Cup) qualifiers versus England and Italy," says Bradley. "In all four of those matches he did well. He has vision, good legs and a great brain. When you need a starting point for a team he's the right kind of guy."

While known for his defense, Armas also makes big offensive plays. If not for a great D.C. comeback, his goal that lifted L.A. to a 2-0 lead in MLS Cup '96 would have stood as the clincher. In 1995, he assisted on the goal that gave Long Island the USISL crown.

An array of players will vie for playing time in front of Nowak and Armas. Striker Jerzy Podbrozny is credited by Bradley for having "a real nose for the goal." Ditto for ex-Polish international Roman Kosecki. Chicago native Frank Klopas' 13 goals ranks fifth in U.S. National team history and his pro career includes five seasons in the Greek First Division. Klopas joined the NASL's Chicago Sting at age 17, just after he graduated from Mather High School.

As unconventional as he is colorful, fan favorite Jorge Campos was the first player ever signed by MLS. Accomplished in both penalty areas, his 1.20 goals-against average paced the league in 1996 and his "rainbow" over three Dallas defenders in the regular season finale remains MLS' most spectacular assist. Last summer L.A. was 12-5 with Campos in goal but only 4-11 without him.

Says Bradley, "Jorge is at an important point in his career. The challenge is there for Jorge to be the kind of goalkeeper that a team needs to compete for a championship. Last year he had a falling out with his team-mates. But you're not the goalkeeper for a team in the quarterfinals of the World Cup and the Olympics or that wins the Mexican championship just by accident."

Czech international Lubos Kubik anchors the defensive back line. "He gives us experience in the back, leadership and he's also very good coming forward," observes the Fire head coach.

The Attack

Peter Nowak, a Polish international, drives the Fire attack from his central midfield position. Fellow Poles, striker Jerzy Podbrozny and midfielder Roman Kosecki, along with Chicago native Frank Klopas, figure prominently in the offensive scheme. The acquisition of two-way midfielder Chris Armas from the L.A. Galaxy was critical for the Fire. Manny Lagos (MetroStars) and Jesse Marsch (D.C.) also should get minutes.

Bradley looks at the task at hand this way, "There's a process of building a good team. I know it's not going to happen right away. I've always enjoyed working hard with the players to build a team. We're excited to do that in Chicago which is a great soccer city."

Chicago's soccer pedigree is outstanding. The city hosted five 1994 World Cup matches at Soldier Field and is the site of U.S. Soccer's headquarters. The Chicago Sting captured two titles in the old North American Soccer League, winning in 1981 and again in the league's final season of 1984 (for you trivia buffs, the last NASL goal was scored by Chicago's Pato Margetic). The sport's growth from those days is illustrated by the Fire having sold a comparable amount of season tickets for their inaugural campaign as the Sting drew (4,536) for their 1975 home opener.

"Chicago has a diverse soccer community that clearly loves the game," states Bradley. "In a city like this you have to play with heart and commitment because I don't think fans will be fooled by any gimmicks. I want to build a team that can pass the ball well and will move for each other and, in the process, create chances. It's a big challenge but we're excited about trying to do that."

In The Back

The Fire back line is built around the talents of Czech international Lubos Kubik and former New England Revolution central defender Francis Okaroh. Jorge Salcedo (Columbus) plays a defensive midfield role, while a number of young Americans look to fill the other slots. Due to the World Cup and Mexican League commitments of superstar goalkeeper Jorge Campos, Zach Thornton (MetroStars) is counted on to mind the nets in the early season.

On The Bench

Coach Bob Bradley arrives in Chicago with two MLS Championship rings, earned as an assistant with D.C. United. Bradley believes in possession offense, players interchanging positions and attacking and defending as a unit – and will mold the Fire in that style.

John Todd/MLS/Allsport

Multi-talented Peter Nowak orchestrates the Fire attack from his central midfield position

1998 FIRE ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
14	Chris Armas	M	5-7	150	8/27/72	Brentwood, NY	Adelphi
6	Brian Bates	D	6-1	190	8/16/72	Woodbridge, VA	Virginia
2	C.J. Brown	D	6-0	185	6/15/75	Hayward, CA	San Jose State
1	Jorge Campos	GK/F	5-6	150	10/15/66	Acapulco, Mexico	—
27	Scott Coufal	GK	6-2	195	8/27/74	Brookfield, WI	Indiana
8	Diego Gutierrez	D	5-7	155	11/3/72	Kansas City, MO	Rockhurst College
25	Zak Ibsen	D	5-11	165	2/6/72	Santa Clara, CA	UCLA
41	Frank Klopas	M/F	5-9	155	9/1/66	Chicago, IL	—
11	Roman Kosecki	M/F	5-8	165	2/15/66	Piaseczno, Poland	—
3	Richie Kotschau	D	5-10	170	11/22/75	Levittown, NY	George Mason
5	Lubos Kubik	D	6-3	195	1/20/64	Prague, Czechoslovakia	—
22	Tony Kuhn	F	6-2	185	12/15/75	Memphis, TN	Vanderbilt
7	Manny Lagos	M	6-0	165	6/1/71	St. Paul, MN	Wisconsin-Milwaukee
17	Andrew Lewis	D	6-1	175	7/10/74	New Providence, NJ	Princeton
15	Jesse Marsch	M	5-11	170	11/8/73	Racine, WI	Princeton
10	Peter Nowak	M	5-7	145	7/5/64	Pabianice, Poland	—
20	Francis Okaroh	D	6-0	170	8/25/63	Enugu, Nigeria	Boston
9	Jerzy Podbrozny	F	5-10	170	12/17/66	Przemysl, Poland	
12	Ante Razov	F	6-1	175	/2/74	Whittier, CA	UCLA
4	Jorge Salcedo	M	6-1	175	27/72	Cerritos, CA	UCLA
1	Alan Thornton	GK	6-3	210	10/10/73	Edgewood, MD	Md.)
13	Josh Wolff	F	5-8	160	2/ /77	Stone Mountain, GA	South Carolina (Project-40)

COACH: Bob Bradley

Date of Birth: *March 3, 1958*
Hometown: *Montclair, NJ*
Family: *Married to Lindsay with three children, Michael (10), Kerry (8) and Ryan (6)*
Appointed: *October 30, 1997*
Teams Played for: *Princeton Univ. 1976-80*
Playing Record: *All-American 1979, Two Ivy League titles*
Teams Coached: *Princeton Univ. 1984-95, Ohio Univ. 1981, Union NJ Lancers Under-19, Asst. Coach D.C. United 1996-97, Asst. Coach U.S. Olympic Team 1996, Assistant Coach University of Virginia 1982-83*
Coaching Record: *Princeton Univ. 92-80-15, Ohio Univ. 10-5-2, Ivy League Championship 1988 & 1993, NCAA Division I Coach of the Year 1993, National Under-19 Championship, (won 1996 & 1997 MLS Cup and 1996 U.S. Open Cup as Assistant Coach at D.C. United)*

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Skillful defender Lubos Kubik has great vision and often ventures forward from his spot in the Chicago back line

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- Field Dimensions:
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- Official Training Center:
  Lake Forest College
- Team Colors:
  Navy Blue, Red,
  Metallic Silver

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Mar. 21	@ Miami	6:30 pm	FSC+
	APRIL		
Apr. 4	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	
Apr. 8	@ Kansas City	7:30 pm	FSC+
Apr. 11	@ San Jose	4:00 pm	FSC
Apr. 17	MetroStars	7:00 pm	ESPN
Apr. 25	@ Colorado	8:00 pm	FSC
	MAY		
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May 16	@ Tampa Bay	6:30 pm	
May 20	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
May 23	Colorado	7:00 pm	
May 30	@ Los Angeles	9:30 pm	ESPN2
	JUNE		
June 6	Columbus	7:00 pm	
June 11	San Jose	7:00 pm	ESPN2
June 14	@ New England	2:00 pm	FSC (delayed @ 4 pm.)
June 17	Dallas	7:30 pm	FSC
June 24	Kansas City	7:30 pm	
	JULY		
July 1	Dallas	7:30 pm	
July 4	@ Dallas	7:30 pm	FSC
July 9	@ Columbus	6:30 pm	ESPN
July 18	@ DC United	2:00 pm	ABC
July 25	@ MetroStars	2:00 pm	ESPN
July 29	@ San Jose	10:00 pm	FSC
	AUGUST		
Aug. 8	Los Angeles	3:00 pm	ABC
Aug. 15	San Jose	7:00 pm	FSC
Aug. 21	@ Colorado	8:30 pm	ESPN
Aug. 29	@ Kansas City	7:30 pm	FSC
	SEPTEMBER		
Sep. 2	Miami	7:00 pm	
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Sep. 13	Colorado	2:00 pm	Univision
Sep. 17	Kansas City	7:30 pm	ESPN2
Sep. 23	New England	7:30 pm	
Sep. 27	@ Los Angeles	6:30 pm	ESPN2

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Stephen Dunn/Allsport

Klopas watched all four US games in '94 from the substitutes bench, despite starting the team's previous eight matches (in which he scored five goals).

Fire Trivia

Goalkeeper Jorge Campos played part of the 1997 MLS All-Star Game as a striker. He even scored a goal.

Michael Stahlschmidt/MLS/Allsport

Defensive midfielder Jorge Salcedo hopes to have found a home in Chicago after stints in Columbus and Los Angeles

COLORADO RAPIDS

David Gonzales/MLS/Allsport

Chris Henderson crowned a prolific season with his dramatic late goal against Dallas which booked the Rapids' ticket to MLS Cup '97

How remarkable was it for the Colorado Rapids to have given mighty D.C. United all that they could handle in MLS Cup '97 – especially given that the game was played at D.C.'s home field in front of 57,431 partisan fans? Consider that one year earlier under Bobby, Houghton the Rapids had suffered through the most disastrous voyage to the colonies by an Englishman in the 84 years since Titanic Captain Edward J. Smith struck an iceberg.

Much credit for the vast improvement goes to Glenn "Mooch" Myernick. Houghton's replacement immediately "changed our style," according to Rapids star Marcelo Balboa. "The way that we played in 1996 was probably the ugliest style you have ever seen in your life. The ball went straight from the backs to the forwards, we ran and we never kept possession. Nobody enjoyed theselves. Last year you saw us with smiles on the field and we played."

Boy did they play! With a revamped roster, soccer's Cinderella upset Kansas City and Dallas to earn a trip to MLS' big ball. The decisive goal against the Burn was as spectacular as it was dramatic; an acrobatic Chris Henderson side volley late in regulation time sent 18,452 Rapids supporters into delirium.

Despite falling a goal short in the 1997 finale, the versatile Balboa recalls that afternoon as "one of the best experiences of my life. I've played in two World Cups and it was right up there. The atmosphere was incredible."

In 1998, Myernick and company are out to prove that it isn't midnight yet as the Rapids are aiming to add a soccer title to the Stanley Cup claimed by the Avalanche in 1995-96 and the Super Bowl crown currently worn by the Broncos.

The Attack

Chris Henderson and Paul Bravo, who last year had 28 and 22 points, respectively, expect to have even more productive seasons in 1998. Signing midfield general Marquinho, Waldir Saenz, Marquis White and Tyrone Marshall adds firepower and speed. Add Adrian Paz to the mix and opponents better watch out.

Colorado has been able to compete using largely American talent. Ten of the 11 starters in last year's title game are of the red, white and blue persuasion. Included are guys who are accustomed to being pioneers.

Balboa was the first Yank to claim 100 caps. His incredible near-miss bicycle kick against Colombia in '94 came during the USA's first World Cup victory in 44 years.

Peter Vermes was among the first wave of Americans to succeed in the demanding European pro leagues. His spectacular long-range goal against Mexico in the semi-final helped him become the first player ever to lift the CONCACAF Gold Cup as the USA's captain in 1991.

While with Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakian First Division), defender Steve Trittschuh became the first American to play in what is now known as the European Champions League.

Joining them is a younger generation of natives who are as talented as they are determined. The Henderson brothers - Chris and Sean - are tireless workers with Chris having enjoyed a breakthrough season in '97 that featured seven goals and 14 assists. Paul Bravo, San Jose's top scorer in 1996, hopes to do even better than the eight goals he pro-

duced last summer. Still far from being a finished product, goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann's great raw talent allowed him to make the jump from the A-League to MLS in 1997. In addition, Ross Paule was a top contender for the '97 Bandai Rookie of the Year.

The key additions are striker Waldir and Brazilian midfielder Marquinho. For five straight seasons with Alianza Lima, Waldir was first or second in scoring in Peru's First Division (netting a total of 108 goals). Marquinho was voted that league's top foreigner for helping Alianza to the 1997 championship.

In The Back

Superstar midfielder Marcelo Balboa once again is the main man. Steve Trittschuh and Peter Vermes may not have the youngest legs, but they have tons of experience. Goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann and defender Ross Paule, who both drew rave reviews in '97, are players on the rise.

Also on board are imports Adrian Paz and Wolde Harris. Paz, a Uruguayan international, contributed 11 assists in 1997, while Clemson product/Jamaican National Team striker Harris was among the finalists for MasterCard Goal of the Year.

Myernick's decision to deep six the so-called "direct style" of his predecessor has proven to be of especially great value when playing at home in the city that is 5,280 feet above sea level. Says Myernick, "We want to keep possession of the ball for long periods of time. We want to make the other team chase us in Mile High Stadium and then feel the effects of the altitude."

New Faces

The biggest additions for the Rapids are on the attack, where Coach Myernick now has a multitude of explosive players. Brazilian playmaker Marquinho and Peruvian forward Waldir are impact players. Top college pick Tyrone Marshall and lightning fast Marquis White are fun to watch.

David Gonzales/MLS/Allsport

Marcelo Balboa has the green light to push forward from the back in "Mooch" Myernick's system

1998 RAPIDS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
17	Marcelo Balboa	M/D	6-1	175	8/8/67	Cerritos, CA	San Diego State
16	Jason Boyce	M/F	5-7	150	10/14/75	Newport Beach, CA	Washington
9	Paul Bravo	F	6-0	175	7/19/68	San Jose, CA	Santa Clara
22	Joey DiGiamarino	M	5-10	160	4/6/77	Corona, CA	Cal-State Fullerton (Proj.-40)
18	Paul Grafer	GK	6-3	185	8/7/74	Pt. Washington, NY	William & Mary
1	Marcus Hahnemann	GK	6-3	220	6/15/72	Bellevue, WA	Seattle Pacific
13	Wolde Harris	F	5-10	190	1/26/74	Kingston, Jamaica	Clemson
19	Chris Henderson	M	5-10	150	12/11/70	Everett, WA	UCLA
3	Sean Henderson	D	6-0	160	7/25/72	Everett, WA	UCLA
15	Tahj Jakins	D	6-2	185	11/11/75	Huntington Beach, CA	UCLA
7	Marquinho	M	5-9	155	11/11/66	Sao Paolo, Brazil	—
28	Tyrone Marshall	M/F	6-2	180	11/12/74	Lauderhill, FL	Florida International
14	Chris Martinez	D	6-2	190	12/25/70	Denver, CO	Clemson
21	Andre Nunley	D	6-0	170	5/22/74	Denver, CO	Colorado College
20	Ross Paule	M	5-10	160	4/4/76	Cordova, TN	Creighton
11	Adrian Paz	F	5-10	170	9/9/68	Montevideo, Uruguay	—
10	Waldir	F	5-9	155	5/15/73	Lima, Peru	—
4	Steve Trittschuh	D	6-0	170	4/24/65	Granite City, IL	Southern Illinois
6	Peter Vermes	D	6-1	175	1/21/66	Delran, NJ	Rutgers
12	Marquis White	F	5-7	145	3/1/69	Moraga, CA	San Francisco

COACH: *"Mooch" Glenn Myernick*

Date of Birth: *December 29, 1954*
Hometown: *Trenton, NJ*
Family: *Married to Nancy with a daughter, Kelly (16), and son, Travis (13)*
Appointed: *November 19, 1996*
Teams Played for: *U.S. National Team, U.S. Pan Am. Games Team '75, Tampa Bay Rowdies '83-85, Portland Timbers '80-83, Dallas Tornado '77-80, Wichita Wings '79, Hartwick College '74-77*
Playing Record: *U.S. National Team Captain '78, Hermann Trophy winner '76, NASL Conference Rookie of the Year '77, Olympic Games '76, Pan Am. Games '75, Hartwick College All-American '74 & '76*
Teams Coached: *U.S. U-18 National Team, U.S. U17 National Team, Assistant Coach - U.S. Olympic Team '96, Hartwick College, Univ. of Tampa, U.S. U-20 National Team*
Coaching Record: *Colorado Rapids 18-19, '97 MLS Western Conference Champions*

Brian Bahr/Allsport

The Rapids are relying on crafty Adrian Paz to provide ammunition for the big guns on offense

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- Stadium:
  Mile High Stadium
- MLS Capacity: 17,500
- Field Dimensions:
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Mar. 21	@ Dallas	6:30 pm	FSRM
Mar. 28	@ San Jose	8:30 pm	FSRM
	APRIL		
Apr. 4	Los Angeles	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
Apr. 11	@ DC United	5:30 pm	ESPN
Apr. 19	Tampa Bay	1:00 pm	Univ./KKFN/KMXA
Apr. 25	Chicago	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
	MAY		
May 2	@ Miami	5:30 pm	
May 6	@ Los Angeles	8:30 pm	FSRM
May 9	San Jose	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
May 16	@ Dallas	6:30 pm	
May 23	@ Chicago	1:00 pm	FSRM
May 28	Miami	7:30 pm	ESPN2/KKFN/KMXA
May 31	Kansas City	3:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
	JUNE		
June 6	San Jose	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
June 18	@ Los Angeles	8:00 pm	ESPN2
June 25	DC United	7:00 pm	ESPN2/KKFN/KMXA
	JULY		
July 4	MetroStars	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
July 11	New England	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
July 19	@ Kansas City	1:00 pm	Univision/FSRM
July 25	@ Tampa Bay	5:30 pm	FSRM
July 29	@ New England	5:30 pm	
	AUGUST		
Aug. 5	Los Angeles	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
Aug. 8	@ Kansas City	6:30 pm	FSRM
Aug. 15	Dallas	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
Aug. 21	Chicago	7:30 pm	ESPN/KKFN/KMXA
Aug. 29	@ San Jose	8:30 pm	FSRM
	SEPTEMBER		
Sep. 2	Kansas City	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
Sep. 9	@ MetroStars	5:30 pm	
Sep. 13	@ Chicago	1:00 pm	Univision/FSRM
Sep. 16	@ Columbus	5:30 pm	
Sep. 19	Columbus	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA
Sep. 26	Dallas	7:00 pm	KKFN/KMXA

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Mike Powell/Allsport

In his first World Cup appearance, Trittschuh had the misfortune of playing center-back in the 1-5 loss to a fierce Czechoslovakian side in 1990.

Rapids Trivia

All but two Rapids players dyed their hair blond for the 1998 home opener. Marcelo Balboa even dyed his goatee.

1997 COLORADO STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
7	M	Rafael Amaya	7	3	238	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	11	2	0	1	0
17	D	Marcelo Balboa	28	28	2520	2	2	6	44	16	0	2	23	26	2	2	0
16	D	Brian Bates	11	7	537	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	5	0	1	0
		Scott Benedetti	3	1	133	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0
8	M	Paul Bravo	30	27	2443	8	6	22	63	29	4	2	29	31	9	1	0
21	M	Tote Castaneda	24	18	1645	0	3	3	10	4	0	1	13	37	2	0	0
18	GK	Paul Grafer	9	8	723	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	GK	Marcus Hahnemann	25	24	2157	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	2	0
23	F	Wolde Harris	27	15	1486	5	5	15	41	20	2	0	42	29	5	4	0
19	M	Chris Henderson	30	29	2501	7	14	28	63	25	0	2	47	54	35	2	0
3	D	Sean Henderson	25	19	1648	3	0	6	20	12	0	0	40	24	1	5	0
15	D	Tahj Jakins	19	12	1133	0	2	2	5	2	0	0	25	12	1	2	0
12	D	Matt Kmosko	31	31	2760	0	2	2	5	3	0	1	52	29	1	6	1
14	D	Chris Martinez	8	3	332	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
6	M	David Patino	23	22	1733	5	6	16	42	20	2	2	6	10	1	1	0
24	F	Steve Patterson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	M	Ross Paule	19	7	863	2	4	7	7	4	0	1	15	9	3	1	0
11	M	Adrian Paz	25	24	2064	4	11	19	41	17	0	1	31	49	30	4	0
10	F	Steve Rammel	21	11	1137	1	1	3	20	15	0	1	23	20	21	1	0
4	D	Steve Trittschuh	29	29	2566	5	1	11	25	12	1	0	48	29	1	7	1
2	D	Peter Vermes	26	25	2207	6	4	16	29	12	2	0	37	43	1	0	0
		OTHERS			1571	3	3	9	24	12	1	0	37	13	27	3	0
		TOTALS	32	32	2880	50	66	165	433	193	12	12	475	426	126	42	2

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
18	Paul Grafer	9	723	55	38	38	22	2.74	1	1	3	5	1	7	1
1	Marcus Hahnemann	25	2157	144	111	97	37	1.54	4	5	9	21	13	11	6
	TOTALS	32	2880	199	149	135	59	1.84	5	6	12	26	14	18	7

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

DALLAS BURN

Tony Quinn/MLS/Allsport

Goalkeeper Mark Dodd overcame personal tragedy to lead the Burn to U.S. Open Cup glory against D.C. United

Good things come in threes. So believe Dallas fans who are expecting nothing but the gold ring at the end of the Burn's third season thanks to three star midfielders from three different continents with three very different backgrounds. Long-time Colombian National Team standout Leonel Alvarez anchors the midfield that boasts the attacking flair of Switzerland's Alain "Super" Sutter and rising young homegrown star Jason Kreis.

The best news around the Cotton Bowl is the return of Alvarez after a one-year sabbatical with the Mexican League's Vera Cruz. A veteran of two World Cups and four Copa Americas in which he was assigned to handle the defensive duties behind Carlos Valderrama, Alvarez partially escaped from his celebrated countryman's huge shadow during MLS' first campaign. While his value was belied by modest offensive numbers (three goals and five assists) it was underlined by a remarkable statistic; Dallas went 15-7 with Alvarez in their line-up but was burned in eight of the ten games that they played without their captain!

That Leonel performs with remarkable determination owes to a poverty-stricken background. His tireless work rate allows more offensive-minded teammates to score like kings which is why even greater production is expected from Sutter and Kreis this summer.

Sutter became known to American soccer fans on June 22, 1994. On the same day that the USA shocked Alvarez and Colombia in the World Cup, Sutter led Switzerland to a 4-1 win over Romania. The former Bayern Munich standout produced an eye-of-the-needle left-footed shot in the 13th minute only to have his brilliant strike incorrectly negated by an offside flag. Three minutes later he gave the Swiss the lead for good with a 20-yard first-touch right-footed shot.

With his flowing blond hair and affinity for motorcycles, the colorful Sutter has never lacked for charisma. So, too, Kreis. Despite growing up in Nebraska and Louisiana – neither known as soccer hotbeds – the Duke University product paced MLS rookies with 13 goals in 1996 including several spectacular long-range bombs.

With such a gifted midfield one can excuse the Burn's strike force for licking their chops. Dante Washington emerged as a legitimate threat last year as his 30 points on 12 goals and six assists paced the team. Eleven more scores came courtesy of 25-year old Damian Alvarez (no relation to Leonel) of Mexico.

The defense line, with stalwarts Mark Santel and Jorge Rodriguez, is solid. In the nets is MLS' top keeper of 1996, two-time All-Star Mark Dodd.

But the key ingredient is the man in the middle. Observes San Jose's Eric Wynalda,

The Attack

Dante Washington and crafty Damian are the point men up front. The return of Leonel Alvarez is a big plus for the Burn. His presence in the central midfield gives Alain Sutter and Jason Kreis more freedom to attack. Gerell Elliott provides speed off the bench.

"Alvarez does the grunt work and the skill work at the same time. He makes the whole thing work."

Adds Kreis, "I really missed Leonel last year. He brings the level of all of the players on our team up a notch with his intensity. By covering so much ground defensively and also taking a lot of the brunt of distributing the ball, he allows players like myself to be more creative and more offensive."

And it's not as if Dallas wasn't formidable last year. On October 29, the Burn lifted the Dewar Cup after defeating D.C. United, 5-3, in a penalty kick tie-breaker in the 1997 U.S. Open Cup Final. Dodd, who was credited with five saves during 120 minutes of scoreless action, earned Snickers MVP recognition only days after his mother's tragic death in an automobile accident.

The dramatic conclusion to Dallas' season followed a 2-1 semifinal round extra time road ouster of the MetroStars. Jorge Flores' golden goal was the clincher in that victory.

No wonder coach David Dir is aiming high. "Our goal is to win the MLS championship," he says. "Every year we tried to improve one small step. Now it's time for us to do the whole number."

In The Back

Though a midfielder, Leonel Alvarez plays a prominent role in organizing the Dallas defense. The players behind Alvarez are central defender Jorge Rodriguez and wing backs Mark Santel and Brandon Pollard. The nets are manned by All-Star goalkeeper Mark Dodd, who was the MLS leader in saves in '97.

New Faces

The Dallas lineup looks very much the same as the '97 version with one very notable exception. Team leader Leonel Alvarez returns to the Burn after a season in the Mexican League. Less prominent additions include forward Mickey Trotman and goalkeeper Garth Lagerway (Kansas City).

Essy Ghavameddini/MLS/Allsport

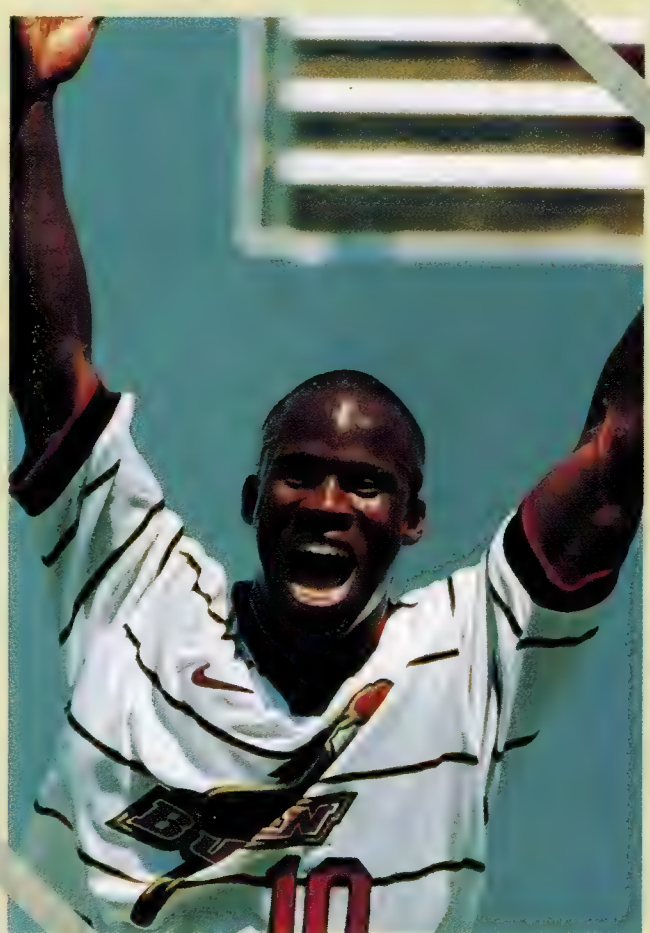
The Burn is built around rock-like midfielder Leonel Alvarez, who is back in Dallas after a one-year sabbatical

1998 BURN ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
14	Leonel Alvarez	M	5-10	160	6/29/65	Medellin, Colombia	—
11	Damian	F	5-9	155	3/11/73	Veracruz, Mexico	—
2	Eric Dade	D	6-1	190	1/19/70	Buffalo, NY	Virginia Commonwealth
1	Mark Dodd	GK	6-2	180	9/14/65	Dallas, TX	Duke
41	Ted Eck	M	6-1	185	7/14/66	Springfield, IL	Western Illinois
8	Gerell Elliott	F	5-11	150	5/11/70	Fresno, CA	Fresno State
18	Richard Farrer	M/D	6-0	175	4/9/71	Albuquerque, NM	New Mexico
5	Jorge Flores	M	5-8	155	2/13/77	Los Angeles, CA	—
13	Brian Haynes	M	6-0	170	5/7/62	Kansas City, KS	Erskine College
22	Matt Jordan	GK	6-2	185	10/13/75	Aurora, CO	Clemson
9	Jason Kreis	M	5-10	155	12/29/72	Durham, NC	Duke
30	Garth Lagerwey	GK	6-0	195	12/12/72	Quincy, IL	Duke
12	Brandon Pollard	D	5-10	165	10/9/73	Richmond, VA	Virginia
17	Jorge Rodriguez	M/D	5-9	155	5/20/71	La Union, El Salvador	—
7	Mark Santel	D/M	5-10	165	7/5/68	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis
25	Juan Sastoque	F	6-2	185	6/26/77	El Cajon, CA	— (Project-40)
15	Darren Sawatzky	M/F	5-10	160	2/22/73	Seattle, WA	Portland
6	Tom Soehn	D	5-10	175	4/15/66	Frisco, TX	Western Illinois
16	Temoc Suarez	M	5-7	155	4/19/75	Mt. Pleasant, SC	North Carolina
66	Alain Sutter	M	5-9	165	1/22/68	Bern, Switzerland	—
20	Mickey Trotman	F	5-9	175	10/21/74	Arima, Trindad & Tobago	Univ. of Mobile, Alabama
10	Dante Washington	F	5-11	190	11/21/70	Columbia, MD	Radford

COACH: *Dave Dir*

Date of Birth: *June 23, 1959*
Hometown: *Dallas, TX*
Family: *Married to Cindy*
Appointed: *November 27, 1995*
Teams Played for: *Chicago Sting (NASL), Western Illinois University*
Playing Record: *All-Midwest and All-Illinois honors*
Teams Coached: *Colorado Foxes (APSL) 1992-93, Regis University, Denver (CAC) 1990-91*
Coaching Record: *Dallas Burn 36-35, Colorado Foxes 40-16, Regis University 25-16-1, U.S. Open Cup Champions 1997, MLS Western Conference Finals 1997, APSL Championship 1992 & 1993, Colorado Athletic Conference Championship 1990 & 1991*



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Dante Washington had every reason to celebrate last season as he contributed 12 goals and six assists to the Dallas cause

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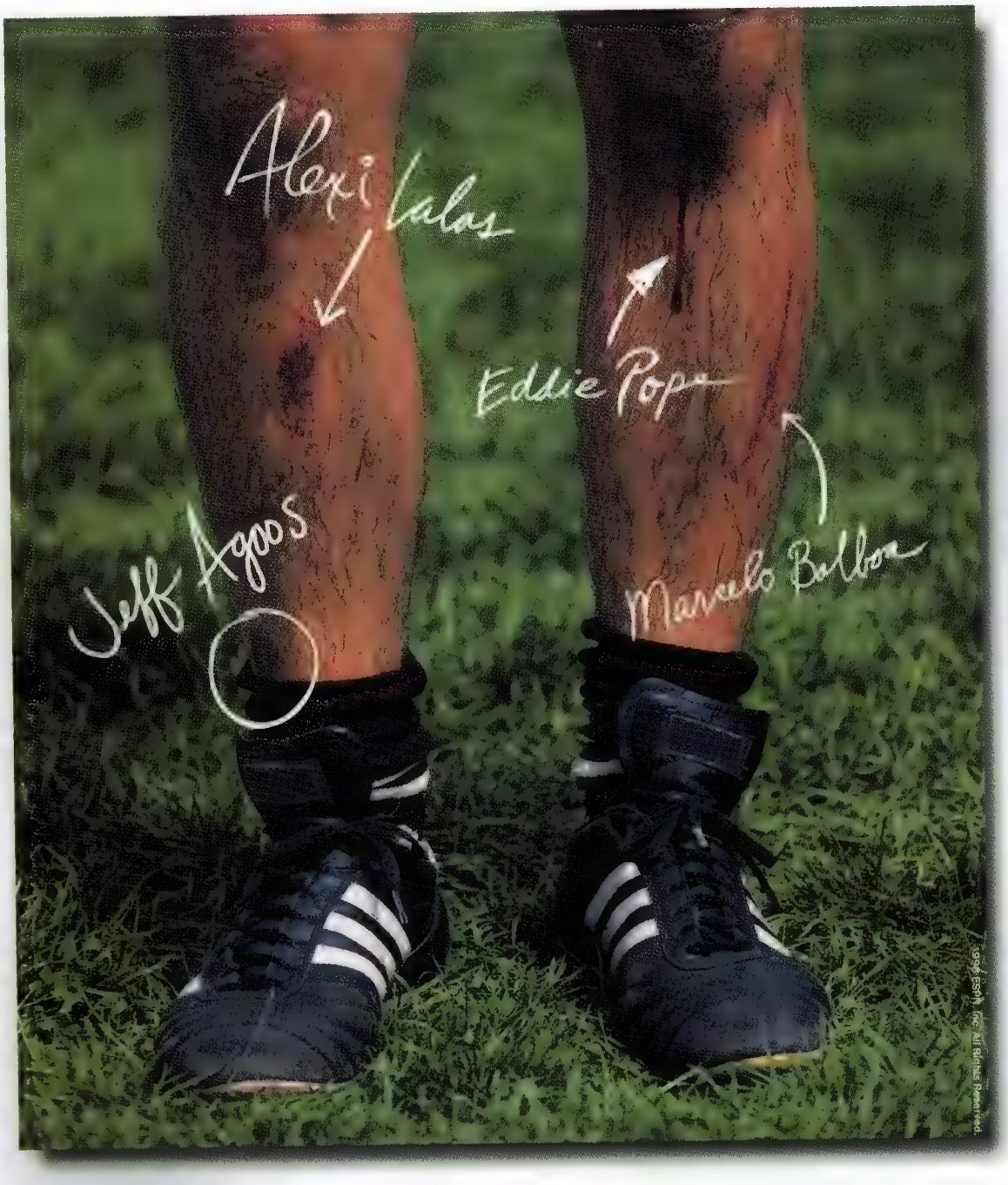

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Mar. 21	Colorado	7:30 pm	
Mar. 29	Columbus	2:00 pm	Univision
	APRIL		
Apr. 5	@ San Jose	2:00 pm	Univision
Apr. 11	@ Tampa Bay	6:30 pm	
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Apr. 25	Kansas City	7:30 pm	
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July 4	Chicago	7:30 pm	
July 11	@ Kansas City	7:30 pm	
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Sep. 2	@ Los Angeles	9:30 pm	
Sep. 10	Chicago	7:00 pm	ESPN2
Sep. 13	San Jose	2:00 pm	
Sep. 19	@ Kansas City	7:30 pm	
Sep. 26	@ Colorado	8:00 pm	

All Times Central.

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Sutter was the most valuable Swiss player, earning the highest ratings (7.5 of 10) on his team from *'94 Cup Daily*.

Burn Trivia

Tom Soehn is a huge closet fan of the BeeGees, while Brandon Pollard follows the Grateful Dead.

1997 DALLAS STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
2	D	Eric Dade	15	14	1305	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	31	10	0	1	0
11	F	Damian	19	19	1475	11	7	29	66	34	2	2	15	60	42	7	2
1	GK	Mark Dodd	30	30	2700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0
12	F	Ted Eck	30	22	1837	1	4	6	27	12	0	1	53	32	4	1	1
8	M	Gerell Elliott	28	15	1503	7	5	19	45	34	1	0	8	22	22	0	0
18	F	Richard Farrer	8	6	503	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	3	2	0	0
5	M	Jorge Flores	12	8	667	1	1	3	6	3	1	1	12	8	0	0	0
		Peter Hattrup	7	2	225	0	1	1	4	2	0	0	3	1	2	0	0
13	F	Brian Haynes	1	1	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0
		Gabe Jones	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	M	Jason Kreis	32	21	2204	8	6	22	61	28	1	2	44	44	4	3	0
30	GK	Garth Lagerwey	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	D	Joey Martinez	19	19	1502	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	24	5	0	4	0
22	M	Daniel Peinado	25	22	1869	2	4	8	13	9	0	1	57	46	0	4	1
12	D	Brandon Pollard	21	16	1526	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	26	25	0	1	0
17	D	Jorge Rodriguez	24	21	1872	4	1	9	35	21	1	0	24	27	4	3	0
7	D	Mark Santel	31	26	2471	2	6	10	12	5	0	3	38	12	5	4	0
25	F	Juan Sastoque	2	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
6	D	Tom Soehn	25	21	1953	0	2	2	6	4	0	0	29	18	0	3	0
4	D	Diego Sonora	16	16	1421	1	2	4	9	4	0	1	15	25	7	2	0
		Dan Stebbins	1	1	38	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
16	F	Temoc Suarez	19	6	721	1	3	5	10	4	1	1	10	12	3	0	0
66	M	Alain Sutter	21	21	1800	2	8	12	47	24	2	1	19	37	4	3	0
10	F	Dante Washington	30	25	2161	12	6	30	69	42	4	2	29	56	23	6	0
3	D	Wade Webber	18	18	1588	2	1	5	7	3	0	0	27	14	1	1	0
		TOTALS	32	32	2880	55	58	168	425	235	13	15	475	467	125	44	4

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Mark Dodd	30	2700	240	183	143	48	1.60	5	8	9	22	14	16	3
30	Garth Lagerwey	2	180	18	13	9	1	0.50	0	1	0	0	2	0	1
	TOTALS	32	2880	258	196	152	49	1.53	5	9	9	22	16	16	4

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

Andy Lyons/Allsport

Expect more trickery from the left foot of the Wizards midfield magician Preki, the 1997 MLS Honda MVP and Budweiser Scoring Champion

KANSAS CITY WIZARDS

Here's a frightening thought; Kansas City coach Ron Newman has gone on record that he believes the Wizards' offense will be more potent this season than it was while pacing the Western Conference with 118 goals during years one and two!

Newman – whose highly entertaining teams go forward more than any unit besides the Marines – has added veteran English League striker Paul Rideout and flank midfielder Goran Hunjak to the only club with three players who began 1998 ranked among MLS' top 10 career scorers.

Kansas City's attack features 1997 MLS' Honda MVP Preki, as well as current or former internationals Mo Johnston (Scotland), Digital Takawira (Zimbabwe) and Mark Chung (USA).

How deadly is Preki? In a league in which no other player had yet accumulated 20 goals and 20 assists as of opening day, his two-year regular season totals stood at 30 of each! His 41 points (12 goals, 17 assists) paced MLS last summer.

Observes Colorado's Marcelo Balboa of that surgically-precise left foot, "Preki gin-sus you, he cuts the ball back and his skill is absolutely incredible. You never know if he's going to thread a pass through, if he's going to try to dribble (by) you or if he's going to shoot."

Born in Belgrade, Preki sandwiched a three-season tour of duty in England with Everton (Premiership) and Portsmouth (First Division) between indoor stints in the USA. Called up to the National Team after earning American citizenship, he fired near-post laser beams from well outside of the penalty area to provide dramatic late winning goals in consecutive CONCACAF Gold Cup conquests of Costa Rica (2-1) and Brazil (1-0) in February.

The winner of the 1994 Golden Boot as Africa's most proficient marksman, Takawira has demonstrated his trademark "Digital Crawl" 21 times for Wizards fans. Still only 25, his most productive years may well be yet to come.

Despite being over-shadowed by Preki, Chung has also exhibited a knack for producing spectacular goals. The University of South Florida product's 53 career points (18 goals, 17 assists) is tied for ninth in MLS and his league-best seven shootout scores in 1997 were a big reason why Kansas City paced the circuit with seven tie-breaker victories.

Having appeared 37 times for his country, Johnston's six goals in qualifying helped earn Scotland its seventh World Cup appearance in 1990. Mo's 14 international goals makes him Scotland's sixth all-time leading scorer.

There is little in the sport that can unsettle this pro's pro. After playing for Glasgow Celtic, he ventured cross-town to become the first Catholic to perform for arch-rivals Rangers. That's roughly the soccer equivalent of a soldier having fought for both the Union and the Confederacy during our Civil War.

As if there weren't enough weapons,

The Attack

The Wizards have never had trouble finding the back of the net, thanks to offensive weapons like superstar Preki, All-Star midfielder Mark Chung and potent finisher Mo Johnston. English League veteran Paul Rideout adds more firepower. As in past seasons, Ron Newman's team promises to play attractive, attacking soccer.

coach Newman can bring on the fleet-footed Paul Wright or introduce the perpetual motion of Pete Marino.

Newcomer Refik Sabanadzovic (Bosnia) will join Matt McKeon in the midfield. The versatile McKeon combines the intimidating size (6'3") of a defender with the touch of a man whose 47 career goals rank him among St. Louis University's all-time leaders.

The goalkeeping tandem of Mike Ammann and Chris Snitko is solid with ample protection from Uche Okafor, Sean Bowers and Brian Bliss in the back. By slicing their goals conceded stats by 12 last year, Kansas City paced the Western Conference with a 21-11 ledger.

Allied to K.C.'s deep talent pool is a sense of urgency. Clearly, this is a team on a mission. Despite producing an MLS-best overall record (38-26) through two regular seasons, the Wizards' trophy case remains empty.

Newman, who will claim his 750th coaching victory this summer in a career that dates to 1969, owns 13 championship rings. Included are 10 indoor titles from his tenure with the San Diego Sockers. He is determined to add a 14th piece of jewelry to his collection prior to celebrating his 65th birthday next January.

In The Back

With the departure of Richard Gough, the Wizards' back line has been reshuffled. Brian Bliss, acquired from the MetroStars, slides into a wingback slot and Matt McKeon moves into Gough's central defender spot. Sean Bowers and Uche Okafor are solid, as is goalkeeper Mike Ammann – the hero of many of last season's numerous shootout victories.

New Faces

Kansas City added three new starters, plus super-sub Pete Marino (Columbus), in the offseason. Midfielder Refik Sabanadzovic, forward Paul Rideout (an Englishman who had been playing in China) and defender Brian Bliss should have a significant impact. In the front office, Doug Newman was hired as General Manager to bring fans to Arrowhead.

Brian Bahr/Allsport

Shootout specialist Mark Chung is one of three Kansas City players who began '98 in the top 10 of MLS' career scorers

1998 WIZARDS ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
1	Mike Ammann	GK	6-3	205	2/8/71	Orange, CA	Cal State Fullerton
21	Brian Bliss	D	5-8	150	9/28/65	Rochester, NY	So. Connecticut State
6	Sean Bowers	D	6-2	185	8/12/68	San Diego, CA	Quincy College
13	Mark Chung	M	5-7	155	6/18/70	Pembroke Pines, FL	South Florida
16	Jake Dancy	D	5-10	160	4/9/78	Diamond Bar, CA	Fresno State
23	Nino Da Silva	M	5-7	135	5/26/79	Hoffman Estates, IL	— (Project-40)
14	John DeBrito	F	6-1	171	3/12/68	Waterbury, CT	So. Connecticut State
5	Goran Hunjak	M	5-9	165	11/13/65	Kansas City, KS	—
22	Brian Johnson	M	5-7	150	3/7/74	Livermore, CA	Fresno State
10	Mo Johnston	M/F	5-9	160	4/13/63	Glasgow, Scotland	—
17	Chris Klein	M	6-1	180	1/4/76	St. Louis, MO	Indiana
24	Pete Marino	F	5-7	145	4/24/73	Pompano Beach, FL	Brevard C.C.
2	Matt McKeon	D	6-2	190	9/24/74	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis
20	Uche Okafor	D	6-3	190	8/8/67	Owerri, Nigeria	—
11	Preki	M	5-9	165	6/24/63	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	—
15	Paul Rideout	F	5-11	168	8/14/64	Bournemouth, England	—
27	Refik Sabanadzovic	M	5-11	165	8/8/65	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	—
18	Chris Snitko	GK	6-3	195	1/24/73	Anaheim, CA	UCLA
12	Vitalis Takawira	F	5-9	145	9/24/72	Harare, Zimbabwe	—
9	Ryan Tinsley	M	5-9	155	10/1/71	Lake Forest, CA	Fresno State
4	Scott Uderitz	D	5-10	175	5/17/70	Edmonds, WA	UNLV
19	Scott Vermillion	D	5-11	175	12/23/76	Olathe, KS	Virginia (Project-40)
3	Paul Wright	M/F	5-9	160	7/29/69	Los Angeles, CA	—

COACH: *Ron Newman*

Date of Birth: *January 19, 1934*
Hometown: *Portsmouth (England)*
Family: *Married to Olive with a son, Gay, daughter, Tracey, and five grandchildren*
Appointed: *October 11, 1995*
Teams Coached: *Dallas Tornado (NASL) '69-75, L.A. Skyhawks (ASL) '76, Ft Laud. Strikers (NASL) '77-79, San Diego Sockers (NASL, MISL, MSL, CISL) '80-94, Arizona Sandsharks (CISL) '95*
Coaching Record: *Outdoor - 277-209-27 (K.C. Wizards 40-31), NASL Championship '71, ASL Championship '76, NASL Championship '78; Inducted into US Soccer Hall of Fame '92, NASL Outdoor Coach of the Year '77 & '84, ASL Coach of the Year '76 Indoor - 464-264, NASL Championship '82 & '84, MISL Championship '83, '85, '86, '88, '89, '90, MSL Championship '91 & '92, Indoor Coach of the Year '82 & '88*

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The Wizards are hoping that goalkeeper Mike Ammann can help point them to the MLS Championship

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- Field Dimensions:
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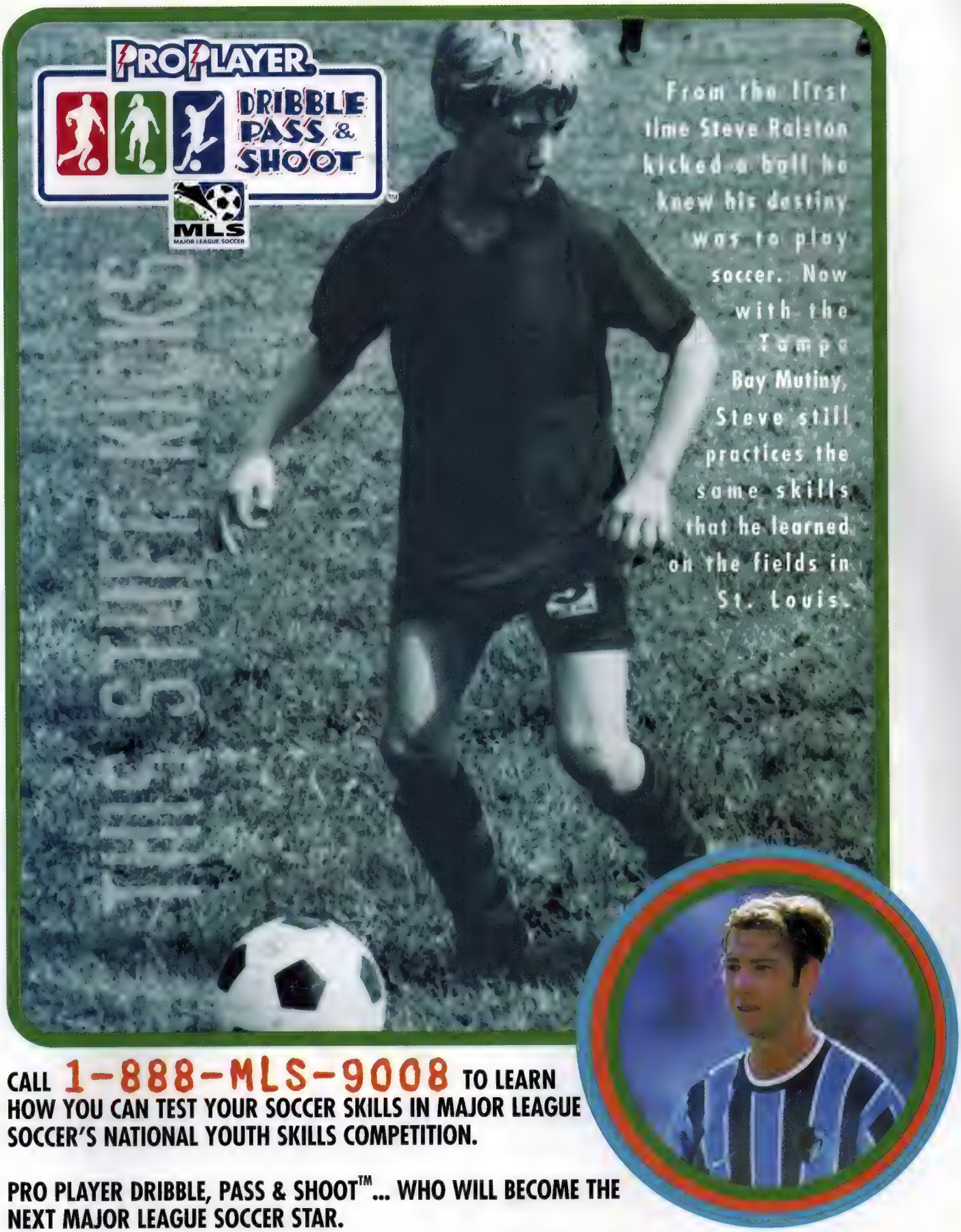
- Official Training Center:
  Swope Park
- Team Colors:
  Carolina Blue, Black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1998 WIZARDS SCHEDULE

	MARCH		
Mar. 21	@ DC United	7:00 pm	ESPN2
	APRIL		
Apr. 4	MetroStars	7:30 pm	ESPN2
Apr. 8	Chicago	7:30 pm	
Apr. 11	@ Miami	6:30 pm	MetroSports
Apr. 18	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
Apr. 25	@ Dallas	7:30 pm	MetroSports
Apr. 29	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
	MAY		
May 13	@ Tampa Bay	6:30 pm	
May 16	@ New England	6:30 pm	MetroSports
May 20	@ Dallas	7:30 pm	
May 23	San Jose	7:30 pm	
May 27	Columbus	7:30 pm	
May 31	@ Colorado	4:00 pm	MetroSports
	JUNE		
June 6	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
June 20	DC United	7:30 pm	
June 24	@ Chicago	7:30 pm	MetroSports
	JULY		
July 1	New England	7:30 pm	
July 4	@ Los Angeles	9:00 pm	
July 11	Dallas	7:30 pm	
July 19	Colorado	2:00 pm	Univision
July 25	@ San Jose	9:30 pm	MetroSports
July 29	@ MetroStars	6:30 pm	
	AUGUST		
Aug. 8	Colorado	7:30 pm	
Aug. 13	@ Los Angeles	9:00 pm	ESPN2
Aug. 16	@ Columbus	2:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 23	Miami	2:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 29	Chicago	7:30 pm	
	SEPTEMBER		
Sep. 2	@ Colorado	8:00 pm	MetroSports
Sep. 5	San Jose	7:30 pm	
Sep. 17	@ Chicago	7:30 pm	ESPN2
Sep. 19	Dallas	7:30 pm	
Sep. 27	@ San Jose	4:00 pm	MetroSports

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Simon Bruty/Allsport

In the '90 World Cup, Johnston scored the game winning goal in a 2-1 victory over Sweden, beating goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli who now plays for the Tampa Bay Mutiny.

Wizards Trivia

Mark Chung played 2871 minutes in 1997 – just nine minutes shy of the entire season – without receiving a single caution or ejection.

1997 KANSAS CITY STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
0	GK	Mike Ammann	29	29	2597	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	1
6	D	Sean Bowers	26	24	2014	3	0	6	15	9	1	0	36	17	1	0	0
13	M	Mark Chung	32	32	2871	10	8	28	62	34	2	3	26	69	8	0	0
19	D	Jake Dancy	3	0	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
23	F	Nino DaSilva	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	M	John DeBrito	10	8	621	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	15	3	1	0	0
		John Diffley	6	2	148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
4	D	Richard Gough	17	17	1456	0	1	1	7	5	0	0	24	11	0	4	0
22	D	Brian Johnson	14	10	953	1	1	3	10	5	0	1	4	8	0	0	0
10	F	Mo Johnston	29	29	2564	6	10	22	56	33	0	3	52	32	14	9	1
14	M	Frank Klopas	27	24	1964	5	7	17	45	25	2	0	32	39	20	3	0
21	D	Matt McKeon	31	30	2736	4	1	9	15	8	1	0	75	28	2	9	0
8	F	Jamel Mitchell	1	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	D	Uche Okafor	27	27	2385	0	3	3	6	2	0	0	40	15	1	3	0
2	D	Steve Pittman	26	23	2068	0	0	0	13	3	0	0	27	14	1	5	0
11	M	Preki	27	27	2330	12	17	41	83	48	5	4	27	36	8	4	0
17	D	Edmundo Rodriguez	16	4	551	1	3	5	9	3	0	0	11	4	1	2	0
8	M	Damian Silvera	3	1	166	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0
18	GK	Chris Snitko	5	3	282	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	F	Vitalis Takawira	28	23	2153	8	6	22	47	32	3	0	47	52	43	4	0
9	D	Ryan Tinsley	31	29	2581	1	4	6	5	4	0	0	43	52	4	4	1
3	M	Paul Wright	30	18	1647	5	4	14	31	23	0	1	24	32	14	1	0
		TOTALS	32	32	2880	57	68	182	406	234	14	12	481	420	117	49	3

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
0	Mike Ammann	29	2597	157	110	101	45	1.56	3	4	19	57	21	8	5
18	Chris Snitko	5	283	17	11	11	6	1.91	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
	TOTALS	32	2880	174	121	112	51	1.59	3	4	19	57	21	11	5

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

LOS ANGELES GALAXY

Essy Ghavameddini/MLS/Allsport

Playmaker Mauricio Cienfuegos is free to orchestrate the Galaxy midfield all season since El Salvador failed to reach the World Cup Finals

One can forgive Octavio Zambrano for not being too upset when his native land failed to qualify for France. It's not as if Zambrano isn't patriotic, after all he did play for Ecuador's Junior National Team before moving to the USA. But as the coach of the L.A. Galaxy he knows that Ecuador's loss means that he has full-time dibs on midfielder Wellington Sanchez this summer.

Sanchez produced the only goal in Ecuador's 1-0 win over the USA last August and netted the shot that sealed the great upset of Paraguay in the '97 Copa America. A veteran of six seasons with Nacional, he made his international debut in 1993.

Teaming up with Sanchez in the midfield is El Salvadorian international Mauricio Cienfuegos, whose team also missed out on the World Cup. Arguably his nation's most popular and accomplished player, the 30-year old star has earned 74 caps. Cienfuegos is one of MLS' finest playmakers, with his 23 assists ranking fifth on the league career list and his six game-winning set-ups having paced MLS in 1997.

The value of this member of the 1996 AT&T Best 11 unit was underscored in the '97 CONCACAF Final when the Galaxy played Cruz Azul of Mexico. With Cienfuegos orchestrating the attack, L.A. grabbed a 2-0 lead. When Mauricio departed with an injury in the 17th minute, the Mexicans took control and eventually won the match.

L.A.'s galaxy of international stars also includes Welton and Martin Machon. The 23-year old Brazilian Welton led L.A. with 11 goals last summer and was the youngest player in the 1996 MLS All-Star Game. Machon has been a mainstay for Guatemala's National Team since 1994. Equally comfortable in the back or in the midfield, at age 25 he ranks with the top young players of CONCACAF.

L.A. also is blessed with American stars like Cobi Jones, a UCLA grad. Jones combines a sprinter's speed with ever-improving skills. Only 27 years of age, he has earned over 100 USA caps. Jones has played top-flight soccer on three continents, having performed for Vasco da Gama in the Brazilian First Division and for Coventry City in the English Premiership.

Jones began 1998 by becoming the first MLS player ever to garner back-to-back Player of the Week citations. On March 21, he assisted on all three L.A. goals in a 4-3 shootout win in San Jose. Seven days later the Galaxy trailed the MetroStars 2-1 midway through the second half. Cobi brought 36,281 Rose Bowl supporters to their feet by scoring the equalizer in the 70th minute and the match-winner 11 minutes from time.

Fellow UCLA alumni, Paul Caligiuri, is best known for scoring THE goal in Trinidad in 1989 that earned the USA their first World Cup berth in 40 years. At Italia '90, Caligiuri netted the lone goal against the Czechs. His

The Attack

The Galaxy offense revolves around the skills of central midfielder Mauricio Cienfuegos, who is the team's creator and distributor. Cobi Jones' explosiveness on the wing and the attacking talents of Wellington Sanchez are vital. Welton (team leader in goals in '97 with 11), Martin Machon and rookie Clint Mathis are also counted on for offensive production.

strong play in Germany starting in the mid-1980's demonstrated that the best Americans of that era could compete successfully in Europe, thus opening the door for many of his countrymen.

Jose Botello is a poster boy for Project-40. His work against Marco Etcheverry in the CONCACAF Champions Cup semi-final opened many eyes. Big things are expected from him for years to come.

With all the talk about the exciting attacking players, the L.A. defense is often overlooked. Yet, the defense is imposing and may be the difference between a good season and a great one. Dan Calichman, a 1996 Western Conference All-Star team member, is partnered with former U.S. National Team central defender Robin Fraser. Danny Peña, re-acquired (from Chicago) along with keeper Kevin Hartman, provides intensity and consistency.

With so many ingredients, the team's rousing start in '98 came as no surprise and the Galaxy expects to be a participant in MLS Cup at the Rose Bowl. Asserts Fraser, "I think you will see a team that is very well-prepared. I expect a good season from us."

In The Back

Defenders Robin Fraser and Dan Calichman, along with defensive midfielder Danny Peña, form the core of the Galaxy defense. Kevin Hartman replaces the beloved (but often absent) Jorge Campos between the posts. Left back Greg Vanney, who has a cannon for a left foot, veteran Paul Caligiuri and Steve Jolley fill in the flank positions.

New Faces

Goalkeeper (and sometime striker) Jorge Campos and under-appreciated midfielder Chris Armas are gone to the expansion Chicago Fire. However the remainder of the '97 Galaxy squad is pretty much intact. Wellington Sanchez of Ecuador and rookie Clint Mathis (South Carolina) are impact players in the midfield, while another rookie, Matt Reis (UCLA), backs up Hartman in goal.

Jamie Squire/Allsport

Jet-heeled Cobi Jones got off to a flying start in '98, becoming the first MLS player to earn back-to-back FujiFilm Player of the Week awards

1998 GALAXY ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
8	Jose Botello	F	6-0	165	4/24/76	Los Angeles, CA	— (Project-40)
6	Dan Calichman	D	6-0	180	2/21/68	Huntington Station, NY	Williams College
20	Paul Caligiuri	D	5-10	175	3/9/64	Walnut, CA	UCLA
10	Mauricio Cienfuegos	M	5-5	140	2/12/68	San Salvador, El Salvador	—
16	Joe Franchino	D	5-7	140	8/9/76	Alta Loma, CA	Washington
4	Robin Fraser	D	6-1	175	12/17/66	Denver, CO	Florida International
22	Kevin Hartman	GK	6-1	174	5/24/74	Palos Verdes, CA	UCLA
17	Ezra Hendrickson	D	6-3	185	1/16/72	Kokomo, IN	Drake
23	Daniel Hernandez	M	5-10	155	7/23/76	Tyler, TX	SMU
15	Steve Jolley	M	6-1	190	10/15/75	Virginia Beach, VA	William and Mary
13	Cobi Jones	M	5-7	145	6/16/70	Westlake Village, CA	UCLA
11	Harut Karapetyan	F	5-9	165	4/7/72	Van Nuys, CA	—
5	Martin Machon	M/D	5-10	160	2/4/73	Guatemala City, Guatemala	—
14	Clint Mathis	M	5-10	165	11/25/76	Conyers, GA	South Carolina
2	Danny Pena	D	6-0	165	6/17/68	Culver City, CA	—
18	David Quesada	F	6-1	175	3/30/71	La Canada, CA	San Diego State
1	Matt Reis	GK	6-1	196	3/28/75	Mission Viejo, CA	UCLA
7	Wellington Sanchez	M	5-8	155	6/19/74	Ambato, Ecuador	—
3	Greg Vanney	M	5-11	169	6/11/74	Tempe, AZ	UCLA
27	Jose Vasquez	D	6-0	175	3/20/69	Santa Ana, CA	Rancho Santiago
19	Welton	M/F	6-0	160	4/17/75	Cabuci, Brazil	—

COACH: *Octavio Zambrano*

Date of Birth: *February 3, 1958*
Hometown: *Guayaquil, Ecuador*
Family: *Single*
Appointed: *June 10, 1997*
Teams Played for: *L.A. Lazers (MISL), Galactica, Chapman University, Union Deportivo Valdez (Ecuador)*
Teams Coached: *L.A. Cobras (USISL) 1992-96, Galactica 1994, USISL Western Division Coach of the Year 1994. Assistant Coach - L.A. Galaxy (MLS) 1996-97, L.A. Salsa (APSL) 1992-96, California Emperors (WSL) 1990-92*
Coaching Record: *L.A. Galaxy - 13-9*

Elsa Hasch/Allsport

Brazilian forward Welton hit the target 11 times last season to finish as the Galaxy's top goal scorer

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- Stadium: Rose Bowl
- MLS Capacity: 35,000
- Field Dimensions:
  72 yds. x 116 yds.
- Official Training Center:
  Occidental College
- Team Colors:
  Teal, Gold, Orange, Black

1998 GALAXY SCHEDULE

MARCH			
Mar. 21	San Jose	7:00 pm	
Mar. 28	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
APRIL			
Apr. 4	@ Colorado	6:00 pm	FOX Sports West 2
Apr. 11	@ MetroStars	12:00 pm	ABC
Apr. 18	@ Kansas City	5:30 pm	FOX Sports West 2
Apr. 25	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
Apr. 29	@ Kansas City	5:30 pm	FOX Sports West 2
MAY			
May 6	Colorado	7:30 pm	
May 17	@ Columbus	12:00 pm	FOX SW2
May 20	@ Chicago	5:00 pm	Univision
May 23	Dallas	7:30 pm	
May 30	Chicago	7:30 pm	ESPN2
JUNE			
June 4	@ Dallas	5:00 pm	ESPN2
June 7	New England	12:00 pm	ESPN
June 18	Colorado	7:00 pm	ESPN2
June 27	@ San Jose	7:30 pm	FOX Sports West 2
JULY			
July 4	Kansas City	7:00 pm	
July 10	@ DC United	4:30 pm	KTLA
July 15	@ Tampa Bay	4:30 pm	KTLA
July 18	Miami	7:30 pm	
July 25	DC United	7:30 pm	
July 29	@ Dallas	5:30 pm	FOX Sports West 2
AUGUST			
Aug. 5	@ Colorado	6:00 pm	FOX Sports West 2
Aug. 8	@ Chicago	1:00 pm	ABC
Aug. 13	Kansas City	7:00 pm	ESPN2
Aug. 22	@ New England	1:00 pm	ABC
Aug. 29	Columbus	7:30 pm	
SEPTEMBER			
Sep. 2	Dallas	7:30 pm	
Sep. 5	@ Miami	4:30 pm	KTLA
Sep. 16	@ San Jose	7:30 pm	FOX Sports West
Sep. 20	San Jose	12:00 pm	Univision
Sep. 27	Chicago	4:30 pm	ESPN2

All Times Pacific. FOX SW2 - Fox Sports West 2

Stephen Dunn/Allsport

Caligiuri's breakaway goal against Czechoslovakia in 1990 was the first U.S. goal in a World Cup finals match in 40 years.

Galaxy Trivia

Cobi Jones and Paul Caligiuri have both made guest appearances on Beverly Hills, 90210.

1997 LOS ANGELES STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
14	M	Chris Armas	28	28	2306	3	4	10	21	9	1	4	58	36	3	3	1
8	F	Jose Botello	7	0	154	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	10	3	1	0	0
6	D	Dan Calichman	32	32	2847	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	41	41	0	6	0
21	D	Paul Caligiuri	16	16	1403	1	3	5	9	7	0	0	17	7	3	4	1
9	GK	Jorge Campos	19	19	1686	0	2	2	5	4	0	0	1	2	1	3	1
10	M	Mauricio Cienfuegos	22	22	1980	6	12	24	41	23	1	6	14	32	8	0	0
4	D	Robin Fraser	24	24	2020	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	22	14	0	6	0
22	GK	Kevin Hartman	8	4	486	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0
17	D	Ezra Hendrickson	14	6	801	0	1	1	7	2	0	0	9	10	0	1	0
29	F	Eduardo Hurtado	22	21	1767	8	3	19	68	34	2	0	36	31	32	3	0
12	F	Guillermo Jara	15	2	358	0	2	2	9	6	0	0	10	4	1	1	0
15	M	Steve Jolley	12	10	882	0	1	1	8	4	0	0	25	16	1	0	0
13	M	Cobi Jones	26	25	2227	7	8	22	53	35	3	1	27	74	16	1	0
11	F	Harut Karapetyan	30	23	1763	8	4	20	76	39	2	0	23	25	18	2	0
21	M	Gerardo Laterza	4	1	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
5	D	Martin Machon	30	27	2435	4	7	15	50	26	1	2	32	28	2	3	0
2	D	Danny Pena	27	26	2229	2	3	7	30	12	1	0	34	27	2	7	0
16	M	Bryan Taylor	11	5	415	1	0	2	9	5	0	0	13	14	5	1	1
18	M	Greg Vanney	28	27	2318	1	3	5	29	9	0	0	37	26	6	5	0
27	D	Jose Vasquez	5	2	249	3	0	6	3	3	1	0	6	4	0	1	0
19	F	Welton	29	12	1324	11	4	26	44	18	2	0	27	38	18	2	0
		Brad Wilson	3	3	221	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	5	1	0	1	0
		OTHERS			2007	0	0	0	11	7	0	0	19	25	5	2	1
		TOTALS	32	32	2880	55	58	168	485	245	14	13	464	460	122	51	5

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
9	Jorge Campos	19	1584	85	60	54	23	1.31	2	2	2	5	12	5	4
22	Kevin Hartman	8	484	24	14	21	8	1.49	1	2	2	4	2	4	3
	OTHERS		810	57	39	31	13	1.44	2	2	11	16	2	7	2
	TOTALS	32	2880	166	113	106	44	1.38	5	6	15	25	16	16	9

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

SAN JOSE CLASH

John Todd/MLS/Allsport

San Jose hopes that Eric Wynalda, who was dogged by a groin injury in '97 and underwent an early-season knee operation in '98, gets back to his brilliant best

There was a problem at Spartan Stadium last summer; like a certain Dionne Warwick song it seemed as if everyone knew the way to San Jose's goal. Concedes Clash coach Brian Quinn, "At the end of the year the coaching staff identified where we needed to improve and our defense was the priority."

True to his word, Quinn immediately made changes. He traded for Scottish international Richard Gough (from Kansas City) and former U.S. National Team midfielder Martin Vasquez (from Tampa Bay). "Richard Gough personifies an international-class defender," says Quinn. "He brings leadership qualities which we lacked last year."

Gough arrives following an emotionally-charged title race as his Glasgow Rangers sought a record tenth straight Scottish title; Rangers had to settle for second behind arch-rival Celtic, but Gough contributed his usual steady work in the back and some timely goals. Dubbed "Richard the Lionheart" for his unbridled determination, he made his international debut for Scotland in 1983. Gough held his spot through two World Cups, with his 61 appearances spanning nearly a decade.

San Jose certainly should no longer be vulnerable in the air with the 6'1" Gough adjacent to the 6'3" John Doyle. A member of the 1990 USA World Cup squad, Doyle won the 1996 BIC Tough Defender Award as MLS' best.

Defensive midfielder Vasquez is a veteran with over 300 appearances in the Mexican First Division. He brings even more experience and stability to the San Jose defense. Clash star Eric Wynalda is happy to have Vasquez on the team saying, "Martin is exactly what we need."

Also needed was widening the field at Spartan Stadium. The new dimensions are intended to aid a team that was solid on the road but weak at home (an MLS-worst 6-10). States Quinn, "An extra foot would have helped, that we got an extra six yards is invaluable. The smaller field made the game more even. Visiting teams could close spaces down and shorten the field because it was narrow."

A major beneficiary of Spartan's more generous dimensions is the U.S. National Team's all-time leading scorer. "Eric Wynalda is probably the best American striker today and definitely one of the best in the world," credits MetroStars/U.S. National Team defender Alexi Lalas. "What makes him dangerous is his finishing touch, his ability to turn seemingly harmless plays into opportunities and his vision. He makes it look effortless. He seems to glide with the ball on the field."

Wynalda is the U.S. National Team's all-time most prolific scorer with 32 goals in 98 appearances. He was named the 1996 U.S. Soccer Male Athlete of the Year and his three strikes in wins over Chile and Argentina earned him a berth on the 1995 Copa America first 11.

Others who should be helped by the extra space are the exciting Ronald Cerritos and teenage Mexican sensation Juan Pablo

The Attack

When healthy, Eric Wynalda is the pre-eminent American striker and San Jose's main weapon. Unfortunately, Wynalda has been injury prone. All-Star Ronald Cerritos, Lawrence Lozzano and Jeff Baicher are dangerous players. The signing of 18-year old Juan Pablo Rodriguez of Mexico gives the offense a boost.

Rodriguez. The five-foot seven-inch attacking midfielder has 23 goals in 49 youth international appearances.

The new width also helps skillful midfielder Victor Mella (acquired from Everton of Chile), Lawrence Lozzano and Santa Clara University product Jeff Baicher. Wynalda has this to say of Baicher, "Jeff is one of the most underrated players in MLS. I have a lot of respect for him as a person and as a player."

Also respected is the former U.S. National Team midfielder who took over as the Clash coach in the middle of the 1997 season. Quinn, who looks fit enough to suit up, won this endorsement from Wynalda, "The way that Brian deals with people on a personal level gets the best out of each player."

Wynalda, who nixed a chance to return to Germany's Bundesliga, notes that his decision should be interpreted as a vote of confidence. "I felt it was in my best interest to stay because this is a competitive team that finally has a chance to win a championship. With the talent and the coaching we have there is everything that it takes to be successful."

Another reason for optimism is the impending acquisition of the Clash by MLS founder and 1994 World Cup Chairman Alan Rothenberg.

In The Back

Defender Richard Gough (formerly of Kansas City) and midfielder Martin Vasquez (Tampa Bay) are counted on to bring stability to a defensive unit which struggled in '97. With these veterans joining John Doyle, Tim Martin and Troy Dayak, the Clash defense suddenly becomes much more imposing. Goalkeeping duties are in the confident hands of David Kramer.

New Faces

Coach Brian Quinn brought in some new faces in '98. Most prominent are Scottish international Richard Gough, Martin Vasquez and young Mexican Juan Pablo Rodriguez. Other newcomers include Vicente Figueroa, Tim Weaver (San Francisco Bay Seals), Braeden Cloutier (MetroStars) and rookie Wade Barrett.

John Todd/MLS/Allsport

Clash captain John Doyle is happy to see the arrival of defensive reinforcements in the shape of Richard Gough and Martin Vasquez

1998 CLASH ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
8	Jeff Baicher	F/M	5-10	160	11/16/68	Sunnyvale, CA	Santa Clara
24	Wade Barrett	M/F	5-8	162	6/23/76	Virginia Beach, VA	William and Mary
20	Ronald Cerritos	M/F	5-9	155	1/3/75	San Salvador, El Salvador	-
7	Braeden Cloutier	M	5-11	165	10/3/74	Wichita, KS	-
12	Troy Dayak	D	5-11	175	1/29/71	Livermore, CA	San Francisco
3	John Doyle	D	6-3	200	3/16/66	Fremont, CA	San Francisco
5	Oscar Draguicevich	D	6-1	180	8/19/69	Dallas, TX	North Texas
23	Vicente Figueroa	M	5-6	140	10/22/77	San Jose, CA	-
4	Richard Gough	D	6-3	175	4/5/62	Troon, Scotland	-
1	Andy Kirk	GK	6-0	177	10/3/77	Milwaukee, WI	Maryland (Project-40)
18	David Kramer	GK	6-3	185	8/1/72	Cupertino, CA	Fresno State
21	Eddie Lewis	M	5-10	155	5/17/74	Cerritos, CA	UCLA
9	Lawrence Lozzano	F	6-1	185	7/25/70	Cerritos, CA	-
17	Tim Martin	D	5-11	165	4/12/67	San Jose, CA	Fresno State
13	Shawn Medved	M	5-11	172	6/16/67	Issaquah, WA	Evergreen State
15	Victor Mella	M	5-9	152	11/14/74	Santiago, Chile	-
2	Ben Parry	D	6-1	190	2/16/76	Albemarle, NC	UNC-Charlotte
14	Esmundo Rodriguez	M	5-8	140	5/25/77	Dallas, TX	Indiana (Project-40)
10	Juan Pablo Rodriguez	F	5-7	133	8/7/79	Guadalajara, Mexico	-
22	Brian Sebapole	F/M	5-6	133	10/9/75	Johannesburg, South Africa	-
6	Martin Vasquez	M	6-0	178	12/24/63	West Covina, CA	Cal State Los Angeles
16	Tim Weaver	D	5-11	170	4/30/75	Livermore, CA	San Francisco
11	Eric Wynalda	F	6-1	172	6/9/69	Westlake Village, CA	San Diego State

COACH: *Brian Quinn*

Date of Birth: *May 24, 1960*
Hometown: *Belfast, Northern Ireland*
Family: *Married to Sharon with six children, Nicola, Damien, Danielle, Caitlin, Sinead and Aodhan*
Appointed: *June 25, 1997*
Teams Played for: *U.S. National Team 1991-94, San Diego Sockers (MISL and CISL) 1983-91, San Diego Sockers (NASL) 1984, Montreal Manic (NASL) 1982-83, L.A. Aztecs (NASL) 1981, Everton (England), Larne (N Ireland)*
Playing record: *48 international appearances, CONCACAF Gold Cup winner 1991, 8 indoor championships with the Sockers 1983-91*
Teams Coached: *San Jose Clash 1997, San Diego Sockers (CISL) 1995-96*
Coaching Record: *San Jose Clash 9-11-1, San Diego Sockers 38-27*

John Todd/MLS/Allsport

Expect El Salvadoran forward Ronald Cerritos to make the most of the extra space at Spartan Stadium this season

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- President/General Manager:
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- Stadium: Spartan Stadium
- MLS Capacity: 26,000
- Field Dimensions:
  70 yards x 110 yards
- Official Training Center:
  Morgan Hill Soccer Complex
- Team Colors:
  Cloudy Jade, Juniper,
  Chile Red

1998 CLASH SCHEDULE

		MARCH	
Mar. 21	@ Los Angeles	7:00 pm	KICU-Ch.36
Mar. 28	Colorado	7:30 pm	
		APRIL	
Apr. 5	Dallas	12:00 pm	Univision
Apr. 11	Chicago	2:00 pm	
Apr. 18	@ Dallas	5:30 pm	KICU-Ch.36
Apr. 25	@ MetroStars	11:00 pm	ABC
Apr. 29	@ DC United	4:30 pm	KICU-Ch.36*
		MAY	
May 3	New England	5:00 pm	
May 9	@ Colorado	6:00 pm	KICU-Ch.36
May 16	Miami	7:30 pm	
May 23	@ Kansas City	5:30 pm	KICU-Ch.36
May 30	@ Columbus	4:30 pm	KICU-Ch.36
		JUNE	
June 3	DC United	7:30 pm	
June 6	@ Colorado	6:00 pm	KICU-Ch.36
June 11	@ Chicago	5:00 pm	ESPN2
June 27	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
		JULY	
July 3	Columbus	7:30 pm	
July 15	@ Miami	4:30 pm	KICU-Ch.36*
July 18	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
July 25	Kansas City	7:30 pm	
July 29	Chicago	8:00 pm	
		AUGUST	
Aug. 5	@ New England	4:30 pm	KICU-Ch.36*
Aug. 9	MetroStars	12:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 15	@ Chicago	5:00 pm	KICU-Ch.36
Aug. 22	Dallas	7:30 pm	ESPN2
Aug. 29	Colorado	7:30 pm	
		SEPTEMBER	
Sep. 3	@ Tampa Bay	5:00 pm	ESPN2
Sep. 5	@ Kansas City	7:30 pm	KICU-Ch.36
Sep. 13	@ Dallas	12:00 pm	KICU-Ch.36
Sep. 16	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
Sep. 20	@ Los Angeles	12:00 pm	Univision
Sep. 27	Kansas City	2:00 pm	

All Times Pacific. * Delayed telecast starting at 7:30 pm

Shaun Botterill/Allsport

Gough was a rock at the back in Mexico in '86 as well as at Italia '90, where he served as the Scottish captain.

Clash Trivia

Shawn Medved's wife Janey is the real estate agent who sold defender Richard Gough his house in San Jose.

1997 SAN JOSE STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
8	F	Jeff Baicher	32	20	2027	10	2	22	74	38	1	0	37	54	19	4	0
20	M	Ronald Cerritos	22	22	1845	12	10	34	40	23	2	2	15	28	34	0	0
22	D	Ramiro Corrales	14	11	1033	0	0	0	10	4	0	0	21	13	0	2	0
6	M	Arnold Cruz	25	23	2057	0	3	3	18	7	0	0	16	28	0	3	1
12	D	Troy Dayak	21	21	1817	3	2	8	18	10	0	0	27	15	2	3	0
3	D	John Doyle	27	27	2376	2	1	5	21	12	1	0	49	27	1	8	0
2	D	Oscar Draguicevich	13	10	889	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	18	13	0	3	0
5	D	Michael Emenalo	27	26	2283	1	2	4	10	4	0	0	44	25	2	8	0
		Daniel Guzman	3	3	219	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	0	0
7	M	Dominic Kinnear	28	24	1939	2	4	8	17	7	0	1	39	40	1	1	0
24	GK	David Kramer	21	21	1830	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
21	F	Eddie Lewis	29	26	2227	2	13	17	35	22	0	3	36	44	17	0	1
		Tom Liner	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	F	Lawrence Lozzano	29	23	2095	10	10	30	65	36	3	3	38	58	40	2	0
17	D	Tim Martin	28	28	2422	0	3	3	7	2	0	0	25	20	2	2	0
13	M	Shawn Medved	31	15	1594	4	4	12	30	16	0	1	18	25	3	0	1
4	D	Curt Onalfo	6	3	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	1	0
1	GK	Dave Salzwedel	20	18	1680	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0
10	M	Chris Sullivan	24	8	1023	2	6	10	17	8	1	0	16	19	1	0	0
15	M	Istvan Urbanyi	23	19	1554	1	4	6	21	9	0	0	26	25	0	3	1
11	F	Eric Wynalda	14	9	927	5	11	21	28	14	1	2	8	19	10	2	0
	M	Zico	7	3	258	1	1	3	4	3	0	0	2	14	3	0	0
	OTHERS				338	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS		32	32	2880	55	78	188	423	214	9	12	453	468	142	43	4

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
24	David Kramer	21	1832	115	84	82	33	1.62	3	4	16	30	7	14	3
	Tom Liner	2	180	19	14	8	4	2.00	1	1	3	4	0	2	0
1	Dave Salzwedel	20	1678	115	71	54	35	1.88	1	3	17	31	7	11	2
	TOTALS	32	2880	192	130	113	59	1.84	5	8	25	49	12	20	3

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

1997 MLS Regular Season Statistics

ALL GAMES

Eastern Conference	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	SOW	PTS/GM	GF/GM	GA/GM	LWS	LLS	POS
D.C. United	21	11	55	70	53	4	1.72	2.19	1.66	6	2	47
Tampa Bay	17	15	45	55	60	3	1.41	1.72	1.88	3	4	45
Columbus	15	17	39	42	41	3	1.22	1.31	1.28	3	6	46
New England	15	17	37	40	53	4	1.16	1.25	1.66	4	9	42
MetroStars	13	19	35	43	53	2	1.09	1.34	1.66	3	5	43

Western Conference	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	SOW	PTS/GM	GF/GM	GA/GM	LWS	LLS	POS
Kansas City	21	11	49	57	51	7	1.53	1.78	1.59	7	2	44
Los Angeles	16	16	44	55	44	2	1.38	1.72	1.38	6	4	45
Dallas	16	16	42	55	49	3	1.31	1.72	1.53	5	4	44
Colorado	14	18	38	50	59	2	1.19	1.56	1.84	3	6	44
San Jose	12	20	30	55	59	3	0.94	1.72	1.84	3	5	45

LWS=Longest Winning Streak, LLS=Longest Losing Streak, POS=Avg. Time of Possession per Game

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Eastern Conf.	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	SOW	PTS/GM	GF/GM	GA/GM	LWS	LLS	Att.
D.C. United	11	5	29	39	24	2	1.81	2.44	1.50	5	2	16,704
Tampa Bay	12	4	36	34	22	0	2.25	2.13	1.38	5	1	11,333
Columbus	11	5	27	25	15	3	1.69	1.56	0.94	5	2	15,043
New England	11	5	27	25	20	3	1.69	1.56	1.25	3	2	21,423
MetroStars	9	7	25	25	22	1	1.56	1.56	1.38	3	2	16,899
Western Conf.												
Kansas City	12	4	28	35	24	4	1.75	2.19	1.50	4	1	9,058
Los Angeles	10	6	28	31	18	1	1.75	1.94	1.13	4	3	20,626
Dallas	8	8	22	30	24	1	1.38	1.88	1.50	4	3	9,678
Colorado	9	7	25	29	23	1	1.56	1.81	1.44	3	2	11,806
San Jose	6	10	14	29	28	2	0.88	1.81	1.75	2	4	13,597

LWS=Longest Winning Streak, LLS=Longest Losing Streak

AWAY

Eastern Conf.	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	SOW	PTS/GM	GF/GM	GA/GM	LWS	LLS	Att.
D.C. United	10	6	26	31	29	2	1.63	1.94	1.81	4	4	17,997
Tampa Bay	5	11	9	21	38	3	0.56	1.31	2.38	2	7	16,670
Columbus	4	12	12	17	26	0	0.75	1.06	1.63	2	6	13,912
New England	4	12	10	15	33	1	0.63	0.94	2.06	2	10	13,848
MetroStars	4	12	10	18	31	1	0.63	1.13	1.94	2	10	15,360
Western Conf.												
Kansas City	9	7	21	22	27	3	1.31	1.38	1.69	5	3	15,301
Los Angeles	6	10	16	24	26	1	1.00	1.50	1.63	3	8	15,511
Dallas	8	8	20	25	25	2	1.25	1.56	1.56	3	3	11,047
Colorado	5	11	13	21	36	1	0.81	1.31	2.25	2	6	11,967
San Jose	6	10	16	26	31	1	1.00	1.63	1.94	2	4	14,553

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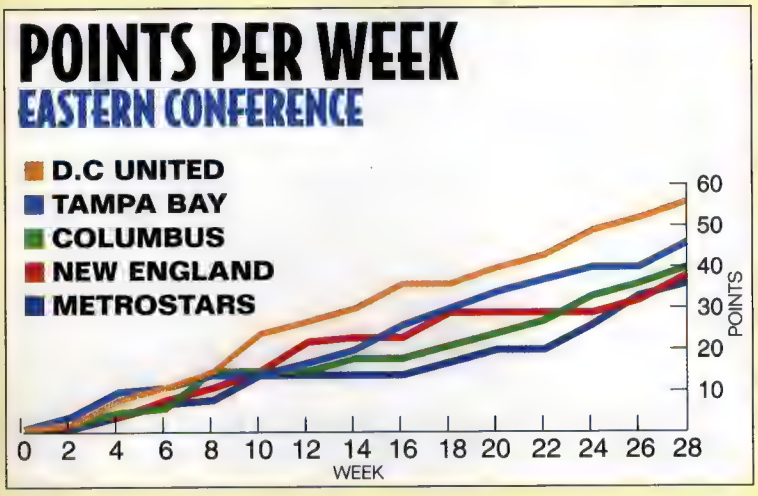

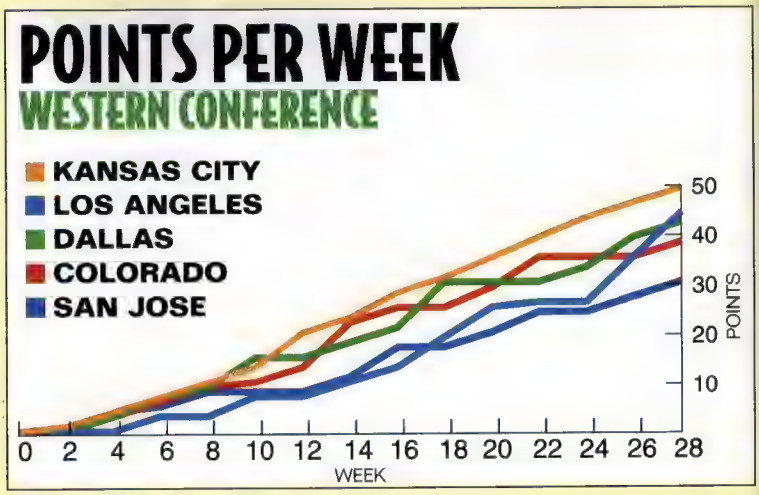

ONE-GOAL GAMES

TEAM	W	L	PCT
Kansas City	16	5	.762
Tampa Bay	12	6	.667
D.C. United	13	7	.650
New England	11	9	.550
Columbus	9	11	.450
Los Angeles	7	10	.412
Dallas	7	12	.368
MetroStars	7	12	.368
San Jose	7	12	.368
Colorado	5	10	.333

SHOOTOUT GAMES

TEAM	W	L	PCT
Kansas City	7	2	.778
Dallas	3	2	.600
Tampa Bay	3	2	.600
MetroStars	2	2	.500
D.C. United	4	4	.500
New England	4	4	.500
Columbus	3	4	.429
Colorado	2	3	.400
Los Angeles	2	4	.333
San Jose	3	6	.333

WHEN SCORING FIRST GOAL

TEAM	W	L	PCT
Kansas City	14	0	1.000
Los Angeles	14	3	.824
D.C. United	14	4	.778
Tampa Bay	14	4	.778
Colorado	12	6	.667
Dallas	12	6	.667
Columbus	11	7	.611
New England	6	4	.600
San Jose	7	6	.538
MetroStars	4	4	.500

WHEN LEADING AT THE HALF

TEAM	W	L	PCT
Los Angeles	11	0	1.000
Kansas City	9	0	1.000
New England	6	0	1.000
D.C. United	12	1	.923
Columbus	8	1	.889
MetroStars	6	2	.750
Tampa Bay	12	4	.750
Colorado	7	3	.700
Dallas	8	4	.667
San Jose	4	3	.571

TEAM VS TEAM RECORDS

TEAM	vs CLB	vs DC	vs MET	vs NE	vs TB	vs COL	vs DAL	vs KC	vs LA	vs SJ
Columbus	---	1-3	3-1	3-1	1-3	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-1
DC United	3-1	---	2-2	4-0	3-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	3-1	2-1
MetroStars	1-3	2-2	---	2-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-3
New England	1-3	0-4	2-2	---	2-2	2-1	4-0	2-1	1-2	1-2
Tampa Bay	3-1	1-3	3-1	2-2	---	1-2	1-2	2-2	1-2	3-0
Colorado	3-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	---	1-3	0-4	1-3	3-1
Dallas	2-1	2-1	2-1	0-4	2-1	3-1	---	1-3	1-3	3-1
Kansas City	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-2	4-0	3-1	---	3-1	3-1
Los Angeles	1-2	1-3	1-2	2-1	2-1	3-1	3-1	1-3	---	2-2
San Jose	1-2	1-2	3-1	2-1	0-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	2-2	---

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Jaime Moreno of D.C. United led MLS with five game-winning goals in 1997

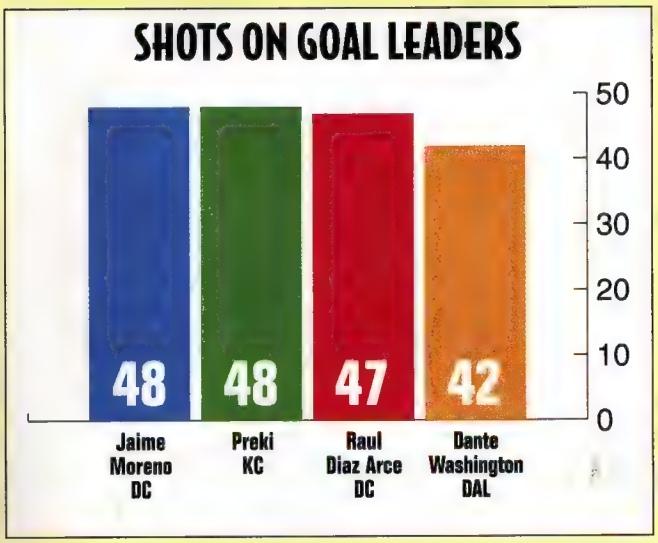
FOR THE RECORD

Mike Burns (New England), Dan Calichman (Los Angeles) and Mark Chung (Kansas City) were the only players to start all 32 games in '97.

LEADING SCORERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
1	Preki	KC	27	12	17	41
2	Jaime Moreno	DC	20	16	8	40
3	Raul Diaz Arce	DC	22	15	6	36
4	Ronald Cerritos	SJ	22	12	10	34
5	Giovanni Savarese	MET	29	14	4	32
6	Dante Washington	DAL	30	12	6	30
	Lawrence Lozzano	SJ	29	10	10	30
8	Damian	DAL	19	11	7	29
9	Mark Chung	KC	32	10	8	28
	Chris Henderson	COL	30	7	14	28
11	Antony De Avila	MET	23	9	9	27
12	Welton	LA	29	11	4	26
13	Carlos Valderrama	TB	20	3	19	25
14	Mauricio Cienfuegos	LA	22	6	12	24

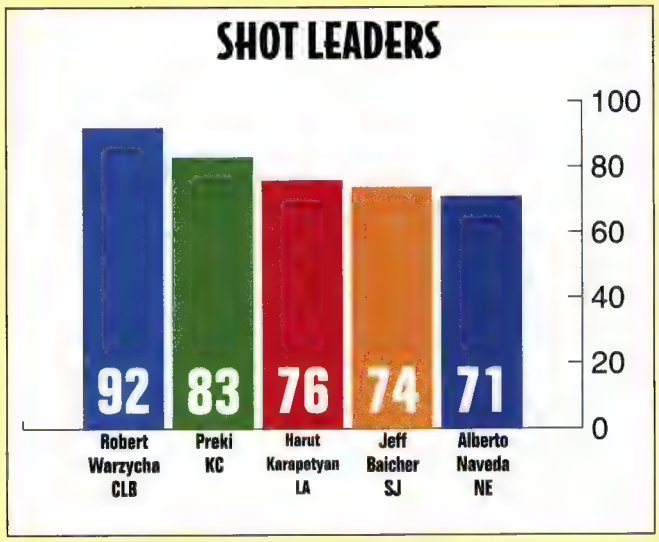
SHOTS ON GOAL LEADERS



GAMEWINNING ASSIST LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	GWA
1	Mauricio Cienfuegos	LA	22	6
2	Carlos Valderrama	TB	20	5
3	Preki	KC	27	4
	Chris Armas	LA	28	4
	Steve Ralston	TB	29	4

SHOT LEADERS



SHOOTOUT GOAL LEADERS

HAT-TRICK LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	HATS
1	Jose Vasquez	LA	5	1
	Raul Diaz Arce	DC	22	1
	Éduardo Hurtado	LA	22	1
	Alberto Naveda	NE	29	1
	Dante Washington	DAL	30	1

GOALKEEPER SHUTOUT LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	SHT
1	Brad Friedel	CLB	29	8
2	Marcus Hahnemann	COL	25	6
3	Walter Zenga	NE	22	5
	Mike Ammann	KC	29	5
	Tony Meola	MET	30	5

GOALKEEPING LEADERS (Minimum 1395 minutes)

	NAME	TEAM	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	W	L
1	Brad Friedel	CLB	29	2609	168	131	104	35	1.21	14	15
2	Walter Zenga	NE	22	1980	110	79	86	28	1.27	15	7
3	Jorge Campos	LA	19	1584	85	60	54	23	1.31	12	5
4	Marcus Hahnemann	COL	25	2157	144	111	97	37	1.54	13	11
5	Mike Ammann	KC	29	2597	157	110	101	45	1.56	21	8
6	Mark Dodd	DAL	30	2700	240	183	143	48	1.60	14	16
7	Tony Meola	MET	30	2683	207	147	117	48	1.61	12	18
8	David Kramer	SJ	21	1832	115	84	82	33	1.62	7	14
9	Dave Salzwedel	SJ	20	1678	115	71	54	35	1.88	7	11
10	Mark Dougherty	TB	25	2143	150	109	64	45	1.89	15	8

OFFSIDE LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	OFFSIDE
1	Roy Wegerle	DC	31	55
2	Vitalis Takawira	KC	28	43
3	Damian	DAL	19	42
4	Lawrence Lozzano	SJ	29	40
5	Chris Henderson	COL	30	35

CAUTIONS LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	CAUTIONS
1	Frankie Hejduk	TB	23	9
	Mo Johnston	KC	29	9
	Matt McKeon	KC	31	9
	5 tied with 8			

EJECTIONS LEADERS

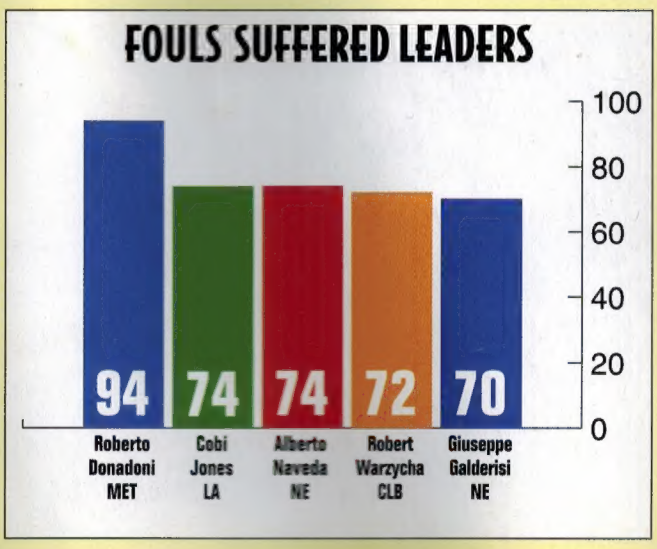
	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	EJECTIONS
1	Branco	MET	11	3
2	Damian	DAL	19	2
	Frankie Hejduk	TB	23	2
	Cle Kooiman	TB	27	2
	Ted Chronopoulos	NE	30	2

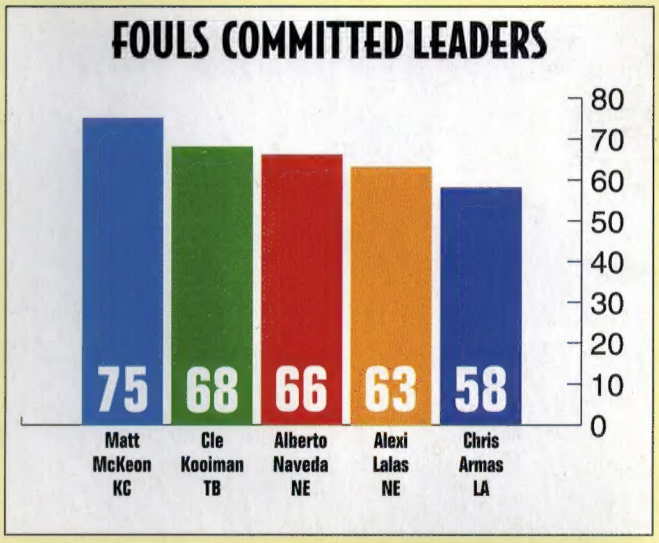
Michael Stahlschmidt/MLS/Allsport

Alexi Lalas moved from the New England Revolution to the MetroStars prior to the '98 season

FOR THE RECORD

Sean Bowers (Kansas City) and Jeff Agoos (D.C. United) led MLS in blocks in '97 with six and five, respectively.





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